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## Sheikh Saad has fruitful talks with US President Reagan vows to fight for arms package

WASHINGTON, July 12. (Agencies): US President Reagan today met HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and expressed optimism that the administration will be able to overcome Congressional opposition to Kuwait's bid for a \$1.9 billion arms package.

"I'm going to fight for it," he told reporters during a picture-taking session in the Oval Office with Sheikh Saad.

"We want very much to complete that," said Reagan who has not had much success in winning approval on arms sales to Arab nations.

Kuwait is seeking to buy US ground-to-air Maverick missiles and 40 advanced F-18 fighter-bombers.

### Chance

Asked if he thought there was any chance of success in getting the package through Congress, Reagan said, "I think so."

The Crown Prince, seated next to him, did not comment.

The Crown Prince has met with several US officials since his arrival on Sunday. He met yesterday with Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and was entertained later at a dinner by John Whitehead, the acting Secretary of State.



President Reagan (left) meets HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad. (Reuters wirephoto)

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weapons has provoked opposition on Capitol Hill, where supporters of Israel object to providing the sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles to Kuwait.

the United States does not provide the weapons it seeks, it may turn to other countries for arms.

President "the legitimate political aspirations" of the Palestinian people.

Reagan spoke about these rights during a farewell statement following his talks with Sheikh Saad.

### Concession

In what appeared to be a major concession made to his Kuwaiti host, Reagan said.

"In our discussions today, we reaffirmed the urgent need for a just and lasting resolution of the Palestinian problem.

"The United States will continue to work actively in the pursuit of a comprehensive peace that would realise the legitimate political aspirations of Palestinians while safeguarding the legitimate security concerns of Israel."

In his farewell statement, Sheikh Saad also emphasised the need for the US to recognise "the national legitimate rights" of the Palestinians, when he said.

"We hope that your efforts will continue and lead to a just and lasting peace."

In his statement before a throng of newsmen, photographers and television cameras,

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HH the Amir received Younger yesterday.

## Younger in talks on arms sales

BRITISH Defence Secretary George Younger discussed defence sales and the Iran-Iraq war with HH the Amir of Kuwait and other senior officials yesterday, a British embassy spokesman said.

Britain is bidding for a share in a major arms buying spree by Kuwait, within missile range of the Iran-Iraq warfront and target of repeated Iranian threats.

Diplomats said the British could benefit from opposition in the US Congress to the sale to Kuwait of advanced US F-18 fighters and missiles.

The US Senate voted last week to strike Maverick air-to-ground missiles from the proposed \$1.9 billion deal, now being discussed in Washington by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The British spokesman said Younger met the Amir, acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

Younger told reporters on

arrival, Britain was willing to discuss any Kuwaiti request for arms.

British weapons on offer include the Tornado fighter, seen as the likely alternative to the F-18, the Challenger tank and the Warrior armoured personnel carrier (APC), diplomats said.

Britain last week agreed to supply Saudi Arabia with up to 60 Tornados and other equipment worth billions of dollars in a major setback for competing US arms manufacturers.

Kuwait and Britain have long-standing defence ties dating to the British protectorate before 1961. About 80 British officers are stationed in Kuwait for training programmes, and Royal Navy ships escort oil tankers in the Gulf.

The Kuwait News Agency KUNA said Younger praised Kuwait's stand on terrorism during talks with Sheikh Salem.

Last April Kuwait refused to yield to demands by the hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner for the release of saboteurs in Kuwaiti jails.

## Kuwait Navy to hold exercises

THE Kuwait Navy will stage exercises with live ammunition off Kuwaiti islands in the northern Gulf from July 16-20, the Defence Ministry announced yesterday.

It warned private fishing and pleasure boats to stay clear of an area northwest of Kubar and Umm Al Maradim Islands. The islands lie on either side of the main approach channel to Kuwait's main oil port of Mina Al Ahmadi.

More than a dozen mines widely blamed on Iran were laid in the channel last year to disrupt shipping.

## Dukakis names running mate

BOSTON, July 12. (Reuters): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis today announced Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen would be his vice-presidential running mate.

He predicted at a news conference a Democratic victory "that will carry Mike Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen to the White House." (See Page 2)

### 17 killed in clash

ANKARA, July 12. (Reuters): Seventeen people died in a 24-hour clash between Kurdish rebels and security forces in southeastern Turkey.

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Kuwait: 30 per cent

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### Tehran forces retreat from Halabja

## Iraq routs Iranians to regain territory in south

BAGHDAD, July 12. (Agencies): Iraqi forces pushed Iran's Army out of the last major pockets of Iraqi territory it held along the southern border and Iranian troops retreated from Halabja in the northeast.

The elite Presidential Guards spearheaded an offensive early today to retake a chunk of land in the Zubaidat area along the border with Iran, according to a communique from the general command of the Iraqi armed forces.

If the Iraqis maintain their new positions they will have retaken in three months the largest pieces of territory lost to Iran over the past six years.

### Missions

The official Iranian Islamic Republic News Agency, said Iranian warplanes heavily bombed Iraqi positions in five missions over the Zubaidat region.

IRNA also said that Iranian troops had retreated from the town of Halabja in northeastern Iraq to new "defensive positions." The retreat was designed to "maintain more secure approaches," the report said, noting that "to make advances and retreats in the course of war was a natural phenomenon."

In a statement, Iranian command said that the country's fighters would not give in until they vindicated the nation's rightful demands.

"... Our youth must rush to the

battle fronts to counter the enemy's new threats and aggressions..." the statement said. "We are for justice and will not retreat before force."

President Ali Khamenei, head of the Supreme Defence Council, said today that Iranians would have the last word on the war.

### Offensive

Baghdad's high command said today's offensive started after an artillery bombardment in the strategic border area some 360 km (235 miles) southeast of Baghdad and overlooking Iraq's south-central Misan province.

The Baghdad communique said an unspecified number of Iranians were either killed, or wounded in today's battle east of Amara, which is 300 kilometres (180 miles) southeast of the capital at Baghdad.

The latest communique, announcing that the Zubaidat area had been recaptured, was widely believed written by President Saddam Hussein. He has written them in the past and the phrasing in today's latest report mirrored his style.

### Basis

It reiterated Iraq's readiness to end the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war on the basis of the United Nations Security Council's resolution 598, passed a year ago.

"We will continue striking on the enemy and its vital interests

as long as it continues the war and tries to take our land," the communique said.

"The enemy has no other option but to withdraw from our territories, exchange prisoners of war, allow free passage for Iraq in the Shatt Al Arab (waterway) and the Gulf, sign a peace treaty and stop interfering in our internal affairs."

Iraq took over Halabja, in the Kurdish area of Iraq, last March. IRNA also denied an Iraqi report released yesterday that an Iranian F-5 fighter had been shot down over Basra in the southeastern front. Iranian planes carried out 18 sorties in the area and all returned safely to base, according to the IRNA report, which quoted an unidentified senior Air Force commander.

### Confirmed

Neither side confirmed how much territory Iran held in the Zubaidat area but it was believed sizable.

Today's setbacks are the latest in a series of battlefield defeats for Iran since the Iraqis took back the Faw peninsula on April 18. The Faw offensive was followed by a string of battlefield victories along the southern front that included Iraq retaking the Salameeh area east of Basra and the oil-rich Majnoon islands north of that city.

Iraq has also claimed a steady advance in the northern mountains.

## US forces exchange fire with Iranians

WASHINGTON, July 12. (Reuters): Two US military helicopters exchanged fire with two small boats believed to be Iranian craft near Iran's Farsi Island in the northern Gulf today, the Pentagon said.

Defence Department spokesman Dan Howard said the helicopters were fired on about 15 miles west of the island and returned the fire with rockets. He did not know if the boats were damaged.

US military sources said the helicopters, off the US missile frigate Nicholas, were responding to a "Mayday" distress call from a Panamanian-flag tanker west of Farsi.

"The helicopters took fire from the two small boats and returned fire with rockets," said a US official, asking not to be named. "There was no damage to the helos (helicopters). We have no damage assessment on the boats."

### Signal

It was the second time in less than two weeks that an American warship responded to a distress signal from a neutral ship in the Gulf. The previous time was on July 2 in the southern Gulf, when another frigate intervened to drive off Iranian speedboats attacking a Danish tanker.

Shipping executives, speaking on condition they not be named, earlier reported the attack on the 81,282-ton Universal Monarch, a medium-sized tanker that is owned by a Hong Kong company.

## Bodies of victims flown home

NICOSIA, July 12. (Reuters): The bodies of two Pakistanis and four Indians killed when a US cruiser shot down an Iranian Airbus in the Gulf were flown home today, the Iranian news agency IRNA said.

IRNA said coffins containing the bodies of Pakistani Naval Attaché Captain Munir Ershad and his wife, and four members of an Indian family were carried past a guard of honour as a brass band played funeral marches before being put on board an airliner.

They were among 290 people killed when a missile fired by the cruiser Vincennes hit an Iran Air A-300 Airbus in the Strait of Hormuz on July 3.

### Security Council postpones meeting

## US Navy must leave Gulf, demands Iran

UNITED NATIONS, July 12. (Agencies): Iran said that the United States should pay reparations for shooting down an Iranian airliner but added that payment was not enough and called for the US Navy to get out of the Gulf.

The statement by Iran's UN Ambassador, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, came yesterday as the 15-member Security Council postponed a meeting to consider an Iranian declaration condemning the United States for shooting down the plane, killing all 290 people aboard.

The meeting was postponed until Thursday.

Diplomatic sources said coun-

cil president Paulo Nogueira-Batista of Brazil made the decision after consultations with US Ambassador Vernon Walters, Mahallati and members of the council.

### Demand

The United States, Britain and France are expected to use their veto power as permanent council members to stop any censure resolution or any demand that the US fleet leave the Gulf.

The sources said Iran had been unable to gain a council majority to condemn the downing of the jetliner and it would present a statement, to be followed by a debate, without submitting a resolution.

Washington says the USS Vincennes shot down the plane by accident on July 3, believing the jetliner was an attacking warplane.

Earlier yesterday, the US government announced an offer of voluntary compensation to families of victims, but not to the Iranian government.

### Proper

"I have already stated that the proper term is 'reparation'," said Mahallati in response to a question at a news conference.

"(But) reparation is not sufficient, definitely, because the root cause of this tragedy and similar tragedies should be removed from the Gulf."

"And it cannot be anything less than withdrawal of US forces from the Gulf."

Mahallati had been asked for his reaction to the US government announcement it would offer compensation to the families as a humanitarian act.

### Feelings

US lawmakers appear to have mixed feelings about Reagan's decision to pay compensation to families of the victims of Iran Airbus disaster.

"While the shooting down on flight 655 was a regrettable tragedy, I'm not quite ready for the United States to pay reparations," Senator Rudy Boschwitz said.

### Washington hits back

## Nicaragua expels 7 American diplomats

MANAGUA, July 12. (AP): The Nicaraguan government accused US Ambassador Richard Melton and seven other embassy officials of state terrorism and ordered them to leave the country within 72 hours.

It also closed the opposition newspaper La Prensa for 15 days, shut down the Roman Catholic radio station Radio Catolica and arrested an opposition leader.

In Washington, President Reagan said today he had ordered the expulsion of Nicaraguan Ambassador Carlos Tunnerman and seven of his aides in response to Managua's ouster of the US envoy and seven of his colleagues.

"We are going to return the favour," Reagan told reporters.

### Action

"We are going to do to him (Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega) what he did to us. I have told the State Department to send their ambassador and seven comrades back to Managua."

Reagan said the action did not amount to a break in diplomatic relations, but added "there is a



Richard Melton

possibility always" that this would follow.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said that the expulsion orders probably would be delivered by the State Department later today and that the Nicaraguans would be given 72 hours to leave.

Fitzwater said the seven aides had not been selected.

The developments came one day after Nicaraguan police clashed with thousands of demonstrators at an anti-Sandinista rally in Nandaima, south of Managua.

Ortega on Sunday described the demonstration as being part of a US plan to undermine his leftist government and vowed to "act with force" against violations of public order.

## Huge crowds greet Benazir in Lahore

LAHORE, July 12. (Reuters): Huge crowds took to the streets of Lahore today as Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto opened her campaign to force President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq into holding elections.

About 20,000 supporters of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) greeted Benazir, expecting her first child later this year, when she arrived at Lahore airport this evening.

Thousands more lined the streets as she was driven standing in a jeep amid a cavalcade of cars, buses and trucks along the 13-km (eight-mile) route from the airport to the old quarter of Lahore.

They flashed victory signs and shouted slogans hailing 35-year-old Benazir as Pakistan's destiny.

Benazir is due to address a mass rally of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) opposition alliance which she also heads.

Zia, has promised to hold fresh national elections by Aug. 27.

He made the pledge after dismissing the three-year-old civilian administration of Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on May 29 and dissolving the lower house of Parliament.



## INTERNATIONAL

## Top Sikh terrorist killed

CHANDIGARH, India, July 12. (Agencies): Sukhdev Singh, a leader of one of the largest extremist Sikh militants in Punjab state, was killed today in a shoot-out with soldiers, a police official said.

Singh, a self-styled "Lieutenant General," was shot near the village of Tanda Umar, 120 kilometres (74 miles) northwest of the state capital of Chandigarh, said K.P.S. Gill, the Punjab police chief.

## Wanted

Singh, a former police constable, was the leader of Khalistan Commando Force, one of the dozen underground extremist groups campaigning for an independent Sikh homeland.

A reward of Rs.100,000 (\$7,700) was being offered for the 36-year-old Singh, who was wanted for at least dozen killings. Singh and another man were stopped today outside Tanda Umar village by soldiers of the paramilitary Border Security Force as the pair apparently was being chased away by villagers.

The soldiers opened fire, killing Singh. The accomplice escaped.

## 25 injured in running of the bulls

PAMPLONA, Spain, July 12. (AP): At least 25 youths were injured, six of them seriously, today in the seventh and most dangerous running of the bulls at the weeklong San Fermin Festival.

Most of the 25 injured received on-the-spot treatment for scratches and bruises and did not require hospitalisation, a Red Cross spokesman said.

A spokesman for Pamplona's Virgen del Cammin Hospital said doctors operated on Ian Gordon of New Zealand, who was gored in the mouth and was listed in serious condition.

A 23-year-old Spaniard also

## Dukakis likely to choose Bentsen as running mate

BOSTON, July 12. (AP): Democratic Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis today was poised to name Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen as his vice-presidential running mate, a well-placed Democratic source said. An announcement was expected later in the day.

The source said the selection was made final late last night in a meeting involving Dukakis, long-time confidant Paul Brown and campaign manager Susan Estrich. The word was passed to Bentsen late in the night or early this morning, the source said.

The source said Bentsen was flying to Boston today for a news conference.

## Selection

Bentsen's selection gives the Democrats a ticket much like that of 1960, when John Kennedy of Massachusetts chose Texas Lyndon Johnson, providing balance between the north-east and the south.

Bentsen would bring to the ticket a conservative and south-

western flavour to the Democratic ticket. He was elected to the Senate in 1970, defeating Republican presidential nominee George Bush, and is up for re-election for a fourth term in November.

Bentsen, 67, chairman of the Senate finance committee, campaigned with Dukakis in Texas last Friday and downplayed talk he would be chosen for the vice-presidential nomination, telling reporters: "I don't think you have to worry about that."

## Acceptance

Bentsen was chosen over six others who were being considered by Dukakis: Jesse Jackson, Sens. John Glenn of Ohio, Albert Gore Jr of Tennessee and Bob Graham of Florida and representatives Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Lee Hamilton of Indiana.

Bentsen would be nominated by the Democratic Party convention in Atlanta on July 21, the fourth and final night of the gathering. Sources said Bentsen has accepted Dukakis' offering.



## Thornburgh to replace Meese

WASHINGTON, July 12. (Reuters): Former Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh will be nominated to replace Attorney General Edwin Meese, congressional sources said today.

Thornburgh, a prominent Republican Party activist, was described by one source as "the only one on the President's list."

According to a Senate source, the White House had narrowed its list to possible Meese replacements to three individuals, and then picked the former Republican Governor after extensive talks with members of Congress.

"Thornburgh has a very strong civil rights record," said one source, explaining some of the thinking that went into his selection. "That's different than what the administration has had with Meese."

Republicans have urged the administration to seek someone with a strong civil rights background to counter a weak image the administration has developed in that area, one source said.

"The President has not met with anyone. He has not offered the job to anyone. Thornburgh is certainly a candidate and I expect we will have a decision very soon," presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said when asked about the former governor's selection.

## 11 killed, 98 hurt in attack on Greek ship

PIRAEUS, July 12. (Agencies): Premier Andreas Papandreu today condemned a terrorist attack aboard a Greek cruise ship in which at least 11 people died and 98 were injured. Three masked gunmen hurling grenades and firing submachine guns attacked the ferry, City of Poros, last night.

"Greece condemns in the most categorical way these inhuman and criminal acts as well as every form of violence by the agents of international terrorism," Papandreu said after a 45-minute emergency cabinet meeting.

The Socialist premier, who cut short a vacation after yesterday's attack, said his government "has intensified measures for prevention and national security in all sensitive and critical areas."

## Pictures

Earlier, Papandreu visited some of the 46 people still in hospital with wounds from automatic weapons fire and grenade shrapnel, or suffering from burns.

Government sources, speaking on condition they were not identified further, described the terrorists as two men and a woman, and said they had been

photographed during the attack.

The sources said copies of the pictures were being distributed to airports, border entry points and harbours around Greece.

An announcement by the Ministry of Merchant Marine at 9:30 am (0630 GMT) said nine people died and added "all the 471 passengers and the 22-member crew now have been accounted for."

But a senior harbour authority officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said later that two more bodies had been found, one in the sea, and one aboard the ship.

"We also have found some floating body remains that indicate the death toll could go higher, including a decapitated head," the officer said.

Only two of the dead have so far been identified — Antonis Demazis, the ship's 45-year-old first mate, and a Danish tourist, 33-year-old Karl Johan Grabas.

Piraeus commander Manolis Nanas said five bodies had been brought for autopsy "burned beyond recognition and with shrapnel wounds."

He said several more bodies "are being brought in this afternoon."

Merchant marine ministry officials said seven Americans were on the ship but that none of them were among the dead or injured.

The exploding grenades triggered a fire aboard the 370-ton City of Poros as it headed for Trocadero Marina in the Paleo Falirni suburb returning from a day-long three-island cruise.

The 8:40 pm (1740 GMT) attack came six hours after a car packed with explosives blew up near the same marina, located in the Paleo Falirni seaside suburb. The two men in the car were killed. Police said the blast probably was linked with the cruise ship attack.

More than 200 panic-stricken passengers grabbed life jackets and leaped into the sea as smoke engulfed the vessel's sun-deck and saloon. In the confusion, the gunmen got away in a waiting speedboat.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. Navy and Coast Guard vessels were searching harbours and marinas around the Saronic Gulf for the speedboat used in the gunmen's getaway.

## Soviet film

MOSCOW, July 12. (Reuters): A new documentary film exposes trading in drugs and gold between corrupt police in Soviet Turkmenia and Afghan rebels, Tass news agency said today.

The film "Aura" tells the story of A. Kakabayev, chief of police in the Takhta-Bazar region of Turkmenia on the border with Afghanistan, who was buying up gold from the local population. Tass said.

He was passing it over the border in exchange for drugs. And there over the border, this gold was being converted into weapons for killing our boys," Tass said.

## Protest riots erupt in occupied areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 12. (AP): Israeli troops shot and wounded two Palestinians in the occupied West Bank today during stone-throwing riots that erupted to protest the fatal overnight shooting of an Arab teenager, hospital officials said.

Four other Palestinian teenagers suffered rubber bullet and beating injuries during the clashes in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, the official at the city's Al Ittihad hospital said.

In Arab East Jerusalem, about 30 Palestinians assaulted and injured six policemen with sharp objects in a courthouse as they tried to free a 25-year-old Arab detainee handcuffed to two of the policemen, said Jerusalem police spokesman Rafi Levy.

The policemen were slightly wounded in the arms and taken for medical treatment and four Arabs were arrested after the incident, Levy said.

Levy said the detainee was brought to the court in connection with suspected involvement in recent riots in the city and declined to elaborate.

After the protests in Nablus, the Army clamped a curfew on the city and two nearby refugee camps, Al Askar and Ein Beit Al Maa, forcing residents to remain indoors indefinitely, Arab witnesses said.

Dozens of soldiers patrolled the empty city streets, while Palestinians calling themselves the "United National Leadership of the Uprising" blared announcements from mosques urging residents to violate the curfew order, a Nablus resident said on condition of anonymity.

The protests broke out when about 300 angry students took to the city's main marketplace, shouting nationalist slogans and hurling stones at troops who responded by firing their guns and rubber bullets, the Arab witnesses said.

The riots were in response to the fatal shooting last night of 17-year-old Sares Anablati, Arab news reports said.

## Gorbachev a man of vision, says Thatcher

LONDON, July 12. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher described her household chores, invited a Leningrad schoolgirl to visit her and gave hints on building Western-type democracy during an unprecedented "phone-in" with the Soviet Union.

In a 55-minute live programme broadcast over the Russian-language service of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), she told Lithuanian listener Perb Gudalis that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was a man with vision who would go on until he reached his goal.

"In a way, I felt like that myself when I became Prime Minister of my country," the British leader said.

## Reforms

The programme, which attracted calls from as far afield as Perm in the Ural mountains, reflected a new attitude in foreign broadcasts by Moscow. The Soviet authorities stopped blocking the BBC's Russian service only 18 months ago.

Thatcher said the problem of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave seeking independence from the neighbouring

Republic of Azerbaijan, could resolve itself if Gorbachev's democratic reforms ran their course.

"I think when you get that full freedom of speech and freedom of culture and you are confident and sure of it, this will strengthen the idea of a united Soviet Union and loyalty to the Soviet Union," she said.

"It is necessary to persevere," she told dissident Valery Senderov in Moscow, "because the end is worth attaining."

Thatcher was dubbed the "Iron Lady" and reviled as a cold war warrior by the Soviet press a decade ago. But she has since developed close ties with Gorbachev.

Sasha Bngdannv, describing himself as a representative of one of the many independent political groups that have sprung up over the last couple of years, asked her about disagreements over "perestroika" (restructuring society) in the Kremlin.

"I suspect that your problem is that you all want to go in the same direction, but the argument is about how fast to go... If there are different opinions, the thing to do is to argue them out," she said.

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## Reagan vows to fight for arms package

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Reagan lauded the strong and warm relations between United States and Kuwait.

He praised Kuwait for what he described as "its moderation and skillful diplomacy."

He said: "Our two great countries share a long history of friendship and co-operation. Never have our relations been stronger than they are today."

Reagan noted how during the past year, "the two countries have worked together successfully to help defend the safe passage of neutral shipping through the vital waters of the Gulf."

He added: "Together, we have taken steps to help ensure the safety of Kuwaiti oil tankers as well as preserve the crucial principle of free navigation that we both believe in."

He made a reference to the broad international effort aimed at ending the Iran-Iraq war and bringing the combatants to the negotiating table through the implementation of United Nations resolutions 598.

## Prompt

"Today, in our talks, we have rededicated ourselves to seeking a prompt negotiated end to this tragic waste of lives and resources, based upon acceptance and full implementation of UN Security Council resolution 598," Reagan affirmed.

He lauded Kuwait for its tough stand against terrorism. "Kuwait, under the courageous leadership of His Highness the Amir and yourself, has set a stirring example in resisting terrorist threats and intimidation. All Americans salute your steadfastness and resolve," Reagan stated.

In his statement, Kuwait's Crown Prince expressed his "warm appreciation for the kind words" about Kuwait and said he would like to convey "to you and to the American people the warmest feelings of cordial friendship from His Highness the Amir, the government and people of Kuwait."

## Depth

Sheikh Saad said: "The comprehensiveness, depth and positiveness that have marked our talks today reflect the advanced and ever developing level reached in our mutual relationship."

He added: "As regards our region, we especially value all that the US has done and is doing towards an end to the Iran-Iraq war, and for safeguarding international navigation in the Arabian Gulf."

## Efforts

On the latest American peace efforts in the region, he said: "We hope that such efforts will continue and lead to a just and lasting peace."

And as the Palestinian question is the core of the conflict in the Middle East, we are confident that the recognition of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the necessity of their participation — represented by the PLO — in any future efforts to attain this noble goal, are essential requirements for peace in this region."

Reagan's administration increased pressure on Congress to approve the purchase of Maverick missiles by Kuwait.

A senior US official, briefing reporters at the White House on Sheikh Saad's visit, said Israel would retain a strategic edge over any combination of hostile Arab countries even if the purchase were approved.

## Package

At the same time, the official marshalled political, military and economic arguments in support of the Kuwaiti package, even suggesting that the American economy could be damaged if it fell through.

Briefing under rules of anonymity, the official said the deal could help improve the US trade imbalance, add \$3.8 billion to \$4 billion to the US gross national product, provide 10,000 man-years of work annually and involve contracts in 39 states.

He said Kuwait had a right to defend itself with US weapons, and if Congress blocked them the Kuwaitis "have the means and the determination" to buy arms elsewhere.

## Request

As for reports that Kuwait will pull back the entire request if Congress blocks sale of the Mavericks, the official said: "This is a package... It is highly problematic that the sale would go through if it is taken apart."

The Senate voted against the Mavericks in an appropriations amendment that is likely to be approved by Congress. That does not kill the sale, however, since arms purchases are considered final unless both the Senate and House of Representatives vote them down within 30 days after they are formally announced.

Another Grand Prix Win for Marlboro McLaren.

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Aquino meets Shultz at the Presidential Palace in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Japanese women live longer

TOKYO, July 12, (UPI): The average life expectancy of Japanese women has reached 81 years, longest expected life span in the world, Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry announced.

A ministry survey released on Monday showed the life expectancy of Japanese women had climbed from 80.93 years in 1987 to 81.39 years this year.

For Japanese men, projected life spans have reached 75.61 years, up 0.38 years from a year ago, also apparently leading the world, the survey said.

The average life expectancy for Japanese in 1936 was 46.92 years for men and 49.63 years for women. In 1947, Japanese life spans reached 50.06 years for men and 53.96 years for women.

Every year since the end of World War II, nearly a year has been added to the longevity of both Japanese men and women, the figures showed.

### Lead

A ministry spokesman said it was certain that Japan leads the world in life expectancy for women, but said the claim for men could not be confirmed because of outdated data on male longevity from other countries.

Iceland ranked second in projected life spans for women at 80.38 years, which was followed by 80.07 in the Netherlands and 73.50 years in Sweden, according to the survey.

## Aquino hints at bases accord with US

MANILA, July 12, (Reuter): President Corason Aquino today strongly hinted her government was close to an agreement with the United States on the future of major US military bases in the Philippines.

"We both hope that the talks will be over by the end of this month," Aquino told reporters after a 32-minute, private meeting with visiting US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus, who heads Manila's negotiating team, told reporters the talks were short of final agreement.

"I wouldn't say we had an agreement but... the discussions were positive and could be regarded as conducive to achieving the goal which we had been aiming at all this time — ending the talks and accomplishing agreement by the next few weeks," Manglapus added.

He said Aquino and Shultz had discussed the major, longstanding block of compensation for the use of Subic Bay Naval Base and Clark Air Base north of Manila, and the anti-nuclear legislation now before the Philippine Congress.

He gave no details, but added that he never doubted there would be an agreement.

Talks on the future of the two bases after the current 25 year

agreement expires in 1991 stalled on the compensation issue and have made little apparent progress since they began in early April.

### Boost

No figures have been released but Manila has made it clear it expects a major boost in the \$350 million annual aid package it receives from Washington to allow it to use the bases.

Technically, the future of the two facilities after 1991 remains in doubt but US officials have made it clear Manila cannot expect a major increase in compensation now without some undertaking for the post-1991 period.

In a day of talks with Philippine officials and senior congressmen, Shultz's route was continually dogged by protesters by both left and right.

He entered the Foreign Ministry through the back door to avoid 3,000 protesters demanding deposed strongman Ferdinand Marcos be allowed to leave his exile in Hawaii.

"You need the bases here... we need Marcos here," a massive banner read.

At another venue, 20 student activists shouted anti-American slogans at Shultz's heavily guarded, 20-car convoy, waving placards reading "Go home and bring your bases" and "Shultz, don't twist Cory's arm."

### Mandela concert

JOHANNESBURG, July 12, (Reuter): South African police have said a pop concert to celebrate the 70th birthday of jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela could contravene security laws, a lawyer of the organisers said today.

## China frees 52 Tibet monks

BEIJING, July 12, (Reuter): Police have released 52 young Tibetan monks who were detained during riots in Lhasa last March, the official New China News Agency said today.

The monks, all about 20 years old, had stormed and looted shops and restaurants and beat up policemen sent to restore order outside the Jokhang Temple, the agency said.

A senior police officer in Lhasa was quoted as saying the monks had shown repentance and helped police identify "those who had been involved behind the scenes."

Five people, including one policeman, were killed in the anti-Chinese rioting and more than 200 arrested, according to earlier official reports.

Tibetans, however, have spoken of over 1,000 arrests and there have been unconfirmed reports of many more deaths during the day-long rioting on March 5.

## Assad meets Hezbollah leader

# Syria seeks Shiite reconciliation

DAMASCUS, July 12, (Reuter): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has discussed developments in Lebanon with the pro-Iranian Hezbollah spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, Syrian newspapers reported today.

The papers did not give further details on last night's meeting but diplomats noted the visit was Fadlallah's first to Damascus after Syria succeeded in putting an end to fighting between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and Syrian-backed Amal militiamen in Beirut's southern suburbs in May.

The talks came 24 hours after Assad met with Sheikh Mohammed Mahdi Shamseddin, Vice-chairman of the Supreme Shiite Islamic Council in Lebanon to discuss the same issues.

Diplomats said that Syria, main foreign power broker in Lebanon, was trying to achieve

full reconciliation between Hezbollah and Amal ahead of September's presidential elections in Lebanon.

Amal leader Nabeh Berri told Reuter in a recent interview he was ready to meet any Lebanese national leader provided the meeting would reach the desired results.

### Praise

Meanwhile, the official Syrian news agency SANA quoted Berri and Shamseddin as praising Syria's efforts to save war-torn Lebanon from its ordeal.

"Syria is keen to achieve general understanding in Lebanon to allow the conducting of general elections on time and to transfer the country to a state of stability," Shamseddin told SANA in Beirut following his meeting with Assad.

Berri said: "Our Syrian brothers are trying their best to reach a



Sheikh Fadlallah

formula that allows holding the elections and reaching a national reconciliation at the same time."

The official Damascus Radio said in a commentary yesterday that every "sincere" Lebanese will find in Damascus a sympathetic ear and readiness to help and cooperate.

"Visits by Lebanese brothers to Syria is not an extraordinary matter because the doors of Damascus are always open for them and they will find a full understanding."

### Support

"They will also find an implementation of Syria's decision which was announced by President Assad to back Lebanon and support the Lebanese brothers in all circumstances."

"Syria was not a party in the internal Lebanese conflict and it will never be so. Syria was and will continue to be a supporter of all those who counter the Israeli option and work for achieving Lebanon's unity," it said.

## Bangladesh troops battle to stop floodwaters

DHAKA, July 12, (Reuter): Troops today battled to repair leaking embankments on two rivers threatening to spread floods that have killed more than 100 people in Bangladesh, officials said.

They said more than 30 people had been drowned or swept away by strong currents during the past 24 hours in the flooded districts of Netrokona, Sylhet, Sunamganj and other areas, raising the death toll to more than 100.

Unofficial sources said nearly 200 people had died in floods or of diseases such as diarrhoea and dysentery.

Officials told reporters that swilling waters from the Jamuna and Brahmaputra rivers had breached an embankment protecting Sirajganj, a town of 60,000 people.

"Army personnel and volunteers are working round the clock to repair the breaches and save the town," the deputy commissioner of Sirajganj told the official BSS news agency.

Health officials said at least five people had died and 200 others were infected in an epidemic of diarrhoea and dysentery caused by contaminated water and rotten food in the flood-stricken Sunamganj district.

### Nepal

In Nepal, landslides and floods north of Kathmandu have killed at least 20 people, a government official said today.

Niranjan Thapa, Nepalese Minister of State for Home Affairs, told the National Assembly seven members of a family lost their lives in Chhatravillage, 32 kilometres south of Kathmandu, on July 5 and five members of another family died at Dumre village, 200 kilometres east of Kathmandu, on the same day.

Eight others died in villages to the northwest and west of the Nepalese capital, he said, while two more were reported missing.

In south Nepal, the Janakpur-Jayanagar railway suspended services due to flooding, and the airport at Janakpur, 125 kilometres southeast of Kathmandu, was under water.

## Indian premier visits Jordanian city

# Rajiv raps Pakistani policies

AMMAN, July 12, (AP): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi criticised Pakistan's policies and its nuclear programme, claiming its northern neighbour supports terrorism in India, according to published reports today.

"The problem creating most tensions is Pakistan's support for terrorism in India," the English-language Jordan Times quoted Rajiv as saying in a meeting with newspaper editors.

Rajiv, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Jordan, said that his country was troubled by Pakistan's nuclear programme.

"We feel this is getting very close to nuclear weapons and that will cause a tremendous rise in tension in the region," the Indian Prime Minister said.

"We see no need for that programme because there is no other nuclear weapon in the region."

Pakistan has denied it intends to develop a nuclear weapons capability and says its programme is for peaceful purposes. Rajiv did not comment on recent reports that India has developed 12-20 nuclear warheads.

### Terrorism

He met King Hussein and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai for discussions about the Gulf war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Afghanistan and bilateral relations.

Rajiv went early today with King Hussein's first secretary, Prince Raad, for a tour of the ancient Nabatean cave city of Petra, 270 kilometres south of Amman.

He was scheduled to meet

Crown Prince Hassan at a banquet hosted by the prince.

Rajiv attacked Pakistan for what he called its support of terrorism in India.

"We have very hard evidence that shows very clearly how deeply they are involved," he claimed.

Rajiv said his government had handed details of Pakistan's alleged involvement in terrorism to the Pakistani government.

He said India had given to Islamabad a list of suspected terrorists harbouring in Pakistan and demanded that action be taken against them or that they be handed over to India.

"We have seen no movement on that... we have seen in action that they are just not willing to act," he said, comparing India's and Pakistan's records of dealing with air hijackings involving the two countries in recent years.

## Evren arrives in London

LONDON, July 12, (Reuter): Turkish President Kenan Evren arrived in Britain today for a four-day state visit aimed at bolstering his country's application for admission into the European Economic Community.

The London-based human rights organisation Amnesty International marked his arrival with an appeal for the release of hundreds of political prisoners it said were being held and tortured in Turkish prisons.

Evren was received by Queen Elizabeth. He is the first Turkish head of state to visit Britain in 21 years. He is due to have talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tomorrow.

## Afghans to decide Najib's fate, says UN envoy

GENEVA, July 12, (Reuter): UN envoy Diego Cordovez says it is up to the Afghans to decide whether Soviet-backed President Najibullah should step down as part of a plan for ending the war.

"You keep trying to nail me down one side or the other on matters which are only for the Afghans to decide," he told reporters at a news conference in Geneva.

Cordovez has just returned from a 12-day trip to Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan where he proposed a cooling-off period and cease-fire during which a group of independent personalities would take over the reins of government in Kabul.

He said his plan was aimed at breaking what he called a "serious political deadlock" and had been well-received by Afghan exiles he met in Pakistan.

"Even a guerrilla commander agreed, saying this is the way to do it," Cordovez said.

### Plan

The plan, first outlined in Islamabad over the weekend, provides for a cease-fire from Sept 1 to pave the way for a political settlement.

An independent government made up of impartial Afghans would convene a traditional grand assembly by March to thrash out a permanent solution, Cordovez said.

He refused to be drawn when asked whether this implied the removal of Najibullah. "Don't try to make me speak for Afghans," he said.

Cordovez said his own goal was to prevent further bloodshed between Afghans once the Soviet military pullout is completed by Feb 15 next year under last April's UN-mediated Geneva accord.

Asked about the apparently negative response to his initiative by an alliance of seven guerrilla groups, the UN mediator insisted that the proposal had the backing of what he termed Afghanistan's silent majority.

### Pullout

Cordovez said a Soviet Army general told him the Soviet troop pullout was on schedule. "I have no reason to doubt 50 per cent of their troops will be out (of Afghanistan) by Aug 15," he said.

Under the Geneva accord, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw all of the more than 100,000 troops it had in Afghanistan by Feb 15 next year. Half are due to leave by Aug 15.

General Boris Gromov, the Soviet commander in Afghanistan, said on Sunday all troops stationed in eastern and south-eastern areas of Afghanistan had been pulled out.

Cordovez said the withdrawing troops had cleared more than 70 per cent of the minefields they laid in Afghanistan. Only 611 out of a total 2,221 remained and they were all clearly mapped, he added.

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## Sihanouk arrives in Paris

# Khmer Rouge 'killing' allies

PARIS, July 12, (Reuter): Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today the Khmer Rouge, accused of genocide in the 1970s, had started killing guerrilla allies fighting the Vietnamese-backed government of Kampuchea.

The prince, who arrived in Paris after resigning from the leadership of the Kampuchean Resistance Coalition in Bangkok yesterday, said the Khmer Rouge had to be prevented from coming back to power in his country.

His charge of internal fighting in the guerrilla front darkened prospects for progress towards a peaceful settlement of the nine-year-old conflict at talks due to take place in Indonesia later this month.

"The Khmer Rouge are starting to liquidate Sihanouk forces. I have lost quite a few officers and men killed by the Khmer Rouge," Sihanouk told reporters on arrival in Paris from

### Thailand

"I am counting on Europe, the United States and Japan to stop them," Sihanouk said, adding that his own troops were poorly equipped and discouraged.

### Vietnam

Vietnam, with the backing of the Soviet Union, has maintained a large Army in Kampuchea since 1978 to support a pro-Hanoi government in Phnom Penh.

China backs Khmer Rouge forces in the three-faction guerrilla alliance fighting to dislodge the Phnom Penh government and replace it with a Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK).

"They must be stopped from regaining power, otherwise we risk a return to the days of Pol Pot in all their horror," said Sihanouk, who ruled Cambodia, later Kampuchea, from 1941 to 1970.

The Khmer Rouge government under Pol Pot, which ruled Kampuchea from 1975 to 1979, is held responsible by human rights groups for hundreds of thousands of killings conducted in a merciless revolutionary purge.

They are by far the most powerful military force in the tripartite coalition, which includes non-communist forces loyal to former Kampuchean Prime Minister Son Sann.

Sihanouk, who took part in a week of discussions in Thailand with South East Asian foreign ministers and delegates from Japan and the US, is regarded by the West as central to a solution.

In Bangkok, aides to the 65-year-old prince, who has lived mainly in China and North Korea since the Vietnamese invasion, said he was not dropping out of peace efforts despite his self-exile in France.

## Japan still plans to buy Aegis system

TOKYO, July 12, (AP): Japanese Defence chief Tsutomu Kawara said today that Japan still intends to buy the US-made Aegis radar system despite its use in the mistaken downing of an Iranian passenger airplane a week ago.

The system in USS Vincennes in the Gulf reportedly failed to distinguish between the Airbus A-300 wide-bodied jet and an alleged F-14 Tomcat. The ship's captain ordered the plane shot

down, killing all 290 people on board.

Questions arose about Aegis, a complex system of radars and weapons firing mechanisms.

"I understand that the Aegis system is excellent. I have no worries about its capabilities," Kawara said at a news conference after a regular cabinet meeting. "As for such mechanisms as the IFF (identify friend or foe), it must be fully and accurately researched. But we

have no intention of changing our plans to acquire Aegis."

Japan plans to purchase an Aegis system from the United States to deploy on one of its warships at a cost of \$486 million. The Aegis package includes radars, missile launching and satellite positioning systems, and Phalanx anti-missile guns. When operational, it is supposed to be able to track and fire on multiple targets simultaneously.

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# US media highlight Sheikh Saad's visit

WASHINGTON, July 12. (KUNA): The American media today highlighted the visit of Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Washington and commented editorially on the talks currently underway here, with emphasis on the proposed \$1.9 billion arms deal to Kuwait.

The Washington Post newspaper, in an editorial on the visit, seized the opportunity to attack the US Congress for seeking to block arms to Kuwait and the removal of the Maverick missiles from the integrated arms package.

The Christian Science Monitor, in a front-page, lead story, said in its headline, "Proposed arms deal (to Kuwait) tests US Gulf policy. Issues of American influence, Israeli security surround the sale to Kuwait."

The US media was today generally supportive of Kuwait's stand, highlighting the threats that Kuwait has faced internally and regionally over the last few years and noting the close US-Kuwaiti relationship.

But most papers and commentators focussed on the growing influence of the pro-Israel lobby in Congress and the harm that this lobby is causing to US relations with the Arab world.

In its editorial on Sheikh Saad's visit, the Washington Post said, "twice in the past week, friendly Arab governments in the Gulf took steps to buy arms elsewhere after members of Congress — acting, they believed, for the good of Israel — rebuffed their efforts to buy American weapons."

The Israeli lobby position, the paper implied, is "practically ensuring that the Gulf states will buy foreign arms."

The Post noted that the majority of the Arab countries prefer to buy American arms, "since the hardware comes a valuable measure of political closeness and protection."

It added, "this opportunity is lost when the Gulf states turn to Britain or other European suppliers, which are driven almost entirely by commercial considerations and are not in a position to attach political strings."

## Lobby

The Post explained how "the pro-Israel lobby in Washington fought the (Kuwaiti) deal."

But it concluded, "its success can only push Kuwait to follow the example of a similarly rebuffed Saudi Arabia and to seek a replacement supplier, which will

not attach effective limiting conditions... the result is to undercut Israeli security and American influence in the Gulf — a double loss."

The Post concluded, "things would not be made worse by the careless promotion of unreasonable arms deals or by the careless blocking of reasonable ones."

## Warning

Meanwhile, the Christian Science Monitor warned as the US Congress is prompting Arab Gulf states to shop elsewhere for weapons to defend themselves.

"The US may lose \$2 billion in arms sales to Kuwait," the paper said. "The US has already lost billions of dollars in potential sales to Saudi Arabia."

It warned that the position of the US Congress might result in "American influence in the region to be undermined."

It noted that "Kuwait is an especially crucial support of Washington's current policy and naval presence in the Gulf."

The monitor continued, "the problem goes to the heart of Washington's ability to help moderate Arab states meet their defence needs and thus build well-rounded relationships."

The move by the US Senate to block the sale of the Maverick missiles to Kuwait "could blow the whole deal which took years to arrange... it is a question of practicality for Kuwait. Would you buy a car that only does one-third of what you need?"

## Kuwaiti caravans providing best services

ABDUL RAHMAN AL FARES, the Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, has said that the ministry licensed 72 caravans for this pilgrimage season, of which only 56, carrying about 18,000 pilgrims, will go to the holy places. He reported that students at Umm Al Qura University in Makkah had compiled a questionnaire and study on the services for pilgrims and found that Kuwaiti caravans came out on top as a result of their advanced services.

## Safety

Caravan owners pay insurance of KD8,000 to the ministry and are expected to provide certain standard services to ensure the safety and comfort of pilgrims. The caravan should be accompanied by an ambulance car, a vehicle for transporting water and a refrigerated vehicle to preserve frozen food-stuffs and meat. Caravan owners are also requested to make sure

that pilgrims with them have a health card and observe public hygiene regulations.

Meanwhile, a Ministry of Public Health spokesman has called on all pilgrims to fully apply standard safety procedures at all times and to avoid crowds, where the risk of contracting infectious diseases is greater.

The spokesman emphasised the importance of medical check-ups before pilgrims leave for haj, as well as some knowledge of first-aid to lessen the pressure on the medical crews during the haj season.

He warned against keeping medical preparations for use in cases of allergic skin reactions with them and advised them to consult medical teams for treatment.

The spokesman affirmed the availability of all medical necessities and well-qualified staff to attend to pilgrims when the need arose.

## 140 youths register for pearl diving contest

By Mahmoud Mursi

ONE hundred and forty youths between 14 to 20 years of age have registered for the third pearl diving contest scheduled for Aug 18, 1988. The last day for registration was yesterday.

Hassan Rajab the director general and head of the Marine Heritage Committee at the Sea Club said that the main goal is to revive the profession of diving and to preserve its heritage. It is a means of demonstrating to the present generation the hard work their forefathers underwent to provide the necessities of life.

The official commented that preparations are proceeding according to plans and the training camp started a month ago.

## Enhance

The training camp includes other activities besides training participants in diving skills. It is a good opportunity for youths to enhance their general knowledge on marine culture and to have hands-on experience with the sea he stated.

Participants are picked-up from their houses at 7:30 am every day and returned at 7:30 pm to attend programmes on diving operations he added.

The director general said that last year there were 70 trainees compared to 140 this year. Last year, 50 per cent of diving skills were covered compared to 100 per cent this year, last year the training course was for a duration of 8 days, this year, it is 16 and finally, last year, 9 ships were involved as compared to 12 ships, all of which have been presented by HH the Amir, he disclosed.

## Experience

Husain Juma a 70-year-old captain says that he participated in both diving trips. He added that it will be a new experience for first time trainees. Divers are required to wake early and participate of a breakfast consisting of some dates and tea. No lunch is served, but, a main course dinner is served consisting of fish and rice with bread. The food is cooked by divers he added.

Ali Rajab, a trainee 19-year-old, said that he joined the last trips and enjoys diving. He hoped to participate in all forthcoming events.

Shaker Al Sahli, another participant will play the role of "Saib" on this diving trip. He added that the diving trips would enable him to come back to modern life with new spirits.

## 150 graduate from Petrol Training Centre

KUWAITI students numbering 150 recently graduated from the Petrol Training Centre which is affiliated to the Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation.

The graduates had passed the theoretical course in a prelude to practicals scheduled to take place at Kuwait's three refineries situated in Al Ahmadi, Mina Abdullah and Shuaiba.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the general supervisor of Planning and Manpower Development at the corporation Abdul Aziz Al Duaij said that the corporation had mobilised all its potentials towards providing the

trainees proper guidance to enable them to work efficiently at the country's refineries.

The graduation ceremony was attended by the Training Controller at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Adel Al Einazi who praised the trainees enthusiasm and disclosed that the graduates will be appointed to grade five.

## Rumaihi to lecture

ROME, July 12. (KUNA): The Arab-Italian Friendship Society and the Institute for Political, Economical, Cultural Co-operation hosts here today, chief-editor of Kuwaiti magazine Al-Arabi Dr Mohammed Al Rumaihi who will lecture on Kuwait's economic and cultural development.

This lecture comes at the end of a Kuwaiti art exhibition. Several politicians, intellectuals and journalists are invited to attend Dr Rumaihi's lecture.

## 10 temporary slaughter houses to be established during Eid

THE vice-president of the Co-operative Societies' Union Mushari Al Umari speaking at a press conference held yesterday announced that the co-operative societies and the Kuwait Municipality have agreed to establish 10 temporary slaughterhouses for the Eid Al Adha.

The official said that these slaughterhouses, in addition to the permanent slaughterhouses run by Kuwait Municipality will slaughter the Eid sacrifices on the first and second days of Eid Al Adha which is expected to fall in the last week of this month.

He added that the houses will operate for two days in two shifts, the first from 6:00 am to 12:00 noon while the second from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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Al Umari pointed out that three of these houses will be situated in the capital governorate, four in Hawalli, 2 in

Ahmadi and one in Jahra governorate.

He disclosed that the Kuwait Municipality in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior will ban the slaughter of sacrifices in other places or by private butchers. Further, he said, the authorised houses would slaughter only sheep.

The vice-president said that slaughtering will be done in tents to be erected by co-operative societies. The charges for slaughtering will be KD4 per head, with KD3.500 being paid to the butcher and 500 fils divided between the municipality and the co-operative union.

The official added that butchers had to pass a medical examination for taking part in the Eid sacrifices. The main purpose of this project is to reduce the pressure on government slaughterhouses and regulate the slaughtering of Eid sacrifices he said.

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## Sheikh Sabah receives message from Tareq Aziz

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received a message from Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz delivered by Iraqi Foreign Undersecretary, Nouri Al Luwais.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that the message deals with mission of the seven-member Arab committee that is assigned to follow up Iraq-Iran war developments.

The message also tackles future moves of the committee toward ending the Gulf armed dispute in accordance with Security Council resolution 598 after reaching a formula with the big countries to execute it.

The meeting was attended by acting Foreign Undersecretary Ambassador Mijrin Al Hamad, Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Assem Yacoub Yousef and director of the ministry's Arab nation department Ambassador Abdul Hamid Al Buaijan.

## Customs inspectors praised

IN an interview with a local daily, the deputy director general at Kuwait's customs, Mohammed Al Rifai, praised the vigilance of the Kuwaiti customs inspectors towards foiling of smuggling activities.

Al Rifai said that smugglers throughout the world daily improvised more than 200 ways of cheating customs check points and added that the training courses imparted to Kuwaiti inspectors, contributed in no small measure towards preventing smuggling.

The official lauded the role of the Kuwaiti girls in the process of inspection at the border centres. He advised passengers whose health conditions required the usage of pills to bring a photocopy of the medical prescription issued by a doctor from Kuwait or abroad.

Al Rifai concluded by stating that the travel season coupled with the haj pilgrimage will cause extra efforts to inspectors and necessary measures are being taken to meet the increase.

## Preparations to face any summer fires

THE director of the fire fighting department, Jassim Al Masouri, said that preparations at the department to face any summer fire accidents are progressing very well.

A number of development projects are under review and more Kuwaiti youths are now joining the department after more incentives were provided to fire fighters, he added.

The department's future development projects include communications development meant to organise the distribution and activities of fire trucks and vehicles, including fire training courses to improve the personnel's abilities, he said.

He disclosed that more than 755 Kuwaiti youths submitted applications to join the fire fighting forces this year — out of which only 150 men will be chosen.

He advised residents to accompany their children when going out for sea activities to avoid drowning accidents.

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### Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received acting Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### US arms sale to Kuwait

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday touted the US Senate for blocking part of an arms sale to Kuwait and indicated that America's own interest would be the side to be hurt most by the Senate's attitude.

By blocking the sale of the Maverick missiles to Kuwait, "the Senate has put Israel's interest ahead of that of America's," said Al Rai Al Aam in an editorial.

In question was an arms deal under which Kuwait would purchase 40 F-18 aircraft and other military hardware which was to include the Maverick missiles.

Kuwait, the paper added, has the means and options to do its military shopping anywhere else and to obtain the quantities and quality it is seeking.

Al Rai Al Aam made it a point to remind the US Senate that the Congress had already made the US lose a multi-billion-dollar deal when it rebuffed a huge Saudi arms order.

The coveted sale went to Britain which agreed to supply the Saudi kingdom with Tornado aircraft, helicopters and other types of weaponry.

Referring to a White House statement which regretted the loss of the Saudi deal to Britain, Al Rai Al Aam said with a touch of cynicism:

"We believe we will not have to wait long to know if the White House would be obliged to issue a similar statement expressing regret that Kuwait turned to buy British, French ... and perhaps Chinese, Korean and Soviet weapons."

Linking Israel to the Senate's position, the paper said "if the Senate wanted Kuwait to turn to another arms supplier, Israel is also trying to make America lose another 20 billion dollars."

## GULF PRESS

### Blocking of arms sales to Gulf states criticised

TWO UAE newspapers yesterday strongly criticised US Congress blocking of weapons sales to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and accused Washington of making Israel's interest predominant in any arms deal with the Arabs.

Al Itihad newspaper commenting editorially on the subject said "discussions of the US Congress Foreign Committee on arms sales to Kuwait is not a bilateral issue between Washington and Kuwait but it infringed the core of pan-Arab policy."

"In brief, the American Congress wants that Washington should not sell weapons except to those states which pursue the orbit of its policy," the paper added.

"For Washington, it does not make any sense to see any country in the world receive defence weapons to defend itself from any aggression," but the important thing is that the American weapons should be only received by pro-American states, Al Itihad asserted.

"The United States forgets that the weapons being sought by Arab states are for defence purposes against Zionist aggression, and the Congress is determined to accept that the American weapons do not fall in the hands of anti-Israel states."

The Dubai-based English language daily Khaleej Times, said the arms deals just signed by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia with the Soviet Union and Britain respectively are not significant only for their military or monetary value but for their political implications.

Commenting editorially on the issue, the paper said "the two Gulf states' decision to meet their defence requirements from non-American sources is a strong snub to those in Washington who want Israeli interests to be predominant in dealing with the Arabs, as it is also an assertion of one's independence to diversify some sources of arms procurement."

"The determination by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait not to succumb to political blackmail seems paramount in the latest contracts. The two countries turned to two other states when the US Congress repeatedly blocked weapon sales to them, even when backed by Washington administration," it said.

The paper affirmed that Kuwait concluded its contract with the Soviet Union just two days after the US Senate voted to drop air-ground Maverick missiles from an arms package out of concern for Israeli security.

"The Kuwaitis say they will accept the package only if it remains intact, and their Crown Prince and Prime Minister is in Washington to press his country's case, backed by the agreement with Moscow as a warning that Kuwait can shop for arms anywhere," the paper noted.

## Investigators trying to find out whether Iranian plane was alerted

MANAMA, July 12. (Agencies): US investigators probing the Iranian airliner tragedy want to know if an Iranian Air Force plane tried to tell the jet it was being warned off by an American warship, US military sources said.

The sources said yesterday that another question is whether the civilian air traffic controller on duty at Bandar Abbas, which the Iran Air Airbus had just left, heard the US ship's radio messages but did not relay them to the pilot.

Premeditated US officials say the jetliner was shot down on July 3, killing all 290 people aboard, after it did not respond to messages sent by the USS Vincennes on military and civilian radio channels. The missile cruiser fired in the belief that the aircraft was an F-14 fighter threatening to attack, they said.

The Iranians have disputed whether there were warnings and have referred to the incident as premeditated murder.

The questions about the patrol plane, a US-built P-3 Orion, and the air controller emerged on the sixth day of the inquiry by a team of six US officers.

A US source, who like the others spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "The inquiry is trying to look at everything. If any attempts were made to alert the Airbus, they would of course want to know that. It would be

up to Iran to provide that kind of information."

It was not known whether Iran would let US investigators interview Iranian officials or review data from the jetliner's "black box" flight recorder if it recovered.

On Monday, they awaited the analysis of computer tapes from the Vincennes and a second US warship that was in the Strait of Hormuz at the time. The tapes were sent to the United States last week for scrutiny at a Navy laboratory.

The US sources said the P-3 apparently was airborne in the Hormuz area about the time the shootdown occurred, but said they did not know how close it was or if it monitored the radio traffic leading up to the airbus' destruction.

The P-3, a military version of the Lockheed Electra turboprop aircraft, is used by the US Navy for long-range anti-submarine surveillance.

## Reply

Iran acquired six P-3s in the mid-1970s and at least one is still flying, US officials say. It is a familiar sight on almost daily patrol missions over the Strait of Hormuz and southern Gulf.

A British newspaper quoted the air traffic controller on duty at Bandar Abbas the day the Airbus was shot down as saying Iranian controllers heard US warships issuing warnings on the

radio "every day," but "we never reply to them."

The Times of London identified the controller as Hossein Pirouzi and quoted him as saying, "the Americans have no right to be in the Gulf challenging our legitimate right to fly our air routes — so why should we reply to them?"

## Contradict

Meanwhile, two US warships near the USS Vincennes, when it shot down an Iranian jetliner over the Gulf, reported that the plane was either climbing or in level flight when it was fired upon, the Washington Post reported today.

The data from the other ships contradict a Pentagon statement that the jetliner was descending toward the Vincennes in an apparent attack profile when the shooting occurred, the newspaper said, quoting unidentified military officials familiar with the Navy's investigation of the incident.

A few hours after the incident, Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the ship had misidentified the jet as an F-14 fighter and that the plane was descending when it was shot down.

But the USS Elmer Mott-gomery, a frigate that was near the Vincennes at the time of the incident, reported that the Iranian Airbus was either flying level or climbing, the Post said.

## Relief aid sent to Somalia

AFRICA's Muslim committee has sent a plane-load of food-stuffs and medicine to assist those stricken by starvation in Somalia.

Member of the board of directors of the committee Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Bahar told KUNA that the plane, the first in a series of similar relief operations, is laden with milk, fat and medicine, worth \$30,000.

The money was collected through donations to relief tens of thousands of refugees who were misplaced due to the civil wars in the north of the country, he added.

Lately, the committee sent foodstuffs and medicine to Chad, Sudan and Eritrean refugees in eastern Sudan. All relief consignments were accompanied by volunteers from Kuwait to ensure distribution of the aid, Al Bahar said.

So far, Africa's Muslim committee, distributed 60,000 tons of foodstuffs and medicine totalling \$15 million.

It also constructed a number of farms and dug-up 502 artesian wells in a number of African countries.

## Private sector's contribution praised

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan said that the National Housing Authority appreciated the private sector's contribution to the housing projects which activated the local economy.

He disclosed that NHA gave local consultants the opportunity to acquire more practical experience on government projects so as to upgrade their supervision skills.

Al Roudhan pointed out that a total of 4,390 houses on the Qurain housing project had been assigned to 14 consultants for construction supervision and their performance so far had been satisfactory.

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## VIDEO CORNER

## Run-of-the-mill fare

By Shaun Seekins

THE Red Headed Stranger seems a rather inappropriate title as the hero isn't a stranger and doesn't have red hair, but putting that aside is a rather run-of-the-mill western adventure.

Willie Nelson plays a priest who goes to live in a small town with his wife Raysha (Morgan Fairchild) to spread the word among the lost souls. Before you can say 'Howdy' he has

converted them and taken on the local bullies, who just happen to own the town's water supply.

However, even though he wins the fight over evil, things at home aren't too great, and eventually Raysha runs off with another man. This somewhat upsets her and he rides off into the sunset seeking revenge.

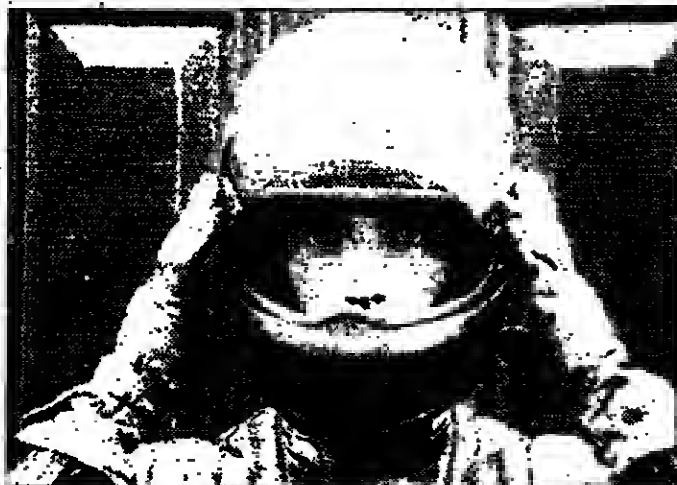
Not Quite Human is typical Disney fodder, but amusing if not always for the right reasons. The kids should love it

though. The story involves a scientist and his teenage daughter Becky. Dad has been working on creating an Android all his life, and he's just succeeded.

The result is C17 — or Chip — a 17-year-old American boy. Difference is, he has to plug himself in and recharge every night.

Dad thought of everything, and even programmed him to eat junk food like hamburgers and pizzas — he has a trash impactor to deal with them.

But Vogel (Hiss... Hiss...)



Padraig O'Loinsigh in The Courier.

from the Vogel Toy Company is after him to turn him into a fighting machine. Will peace-loving Chip be able to save himself and maybe develop emotions along the way?

Julia and Julia is a strange, surrealistic film starring Kathleen Turner and Sting. Turner gives her usual good performance, but from the opening scenes where she is about to be married and the dramatic finale, we are led on a merry dance, hovering between dreams and reality. Was her husband killed in the car accident or did she dream it? Who is the photographer (Sting)? and where does he fit in?

18 Again is another brain swap film along the lines of Like Father Like Son. George Burns awakens after a car accident to find that his brain has somehow been transferred to his grandson's body, pretty standard gags and humour but as a tribute to the longevity of George Burns, quite acceptable.

The Courier is a rare film, an

Irish film which depicts Ireland realistically. It deals unflinchingly with the urban violence, robberies, corruption and serious drug problems which are on the increase in Dublin. Gabriel Byrne plays Val, a ruthless drugs baron and key figure in the Dublin underworld, into which a young motorcycle courier is drawn. When his girlfriend's brother is murdered, the courier sets out to wreak vengeance on Val. Brisk action and some vivid photography of Dublin locations together with a sound track featuring some of Ireland's best rock bands make it an interesting film, despite the heavy 'Girish' accent and one or two narrative inconsistencies.

Dynasty continues, also the new soap Capitol featuring the behind-the-scenes scandals of the Washington jet-set.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Nauri and Video Club, Tel: 5724372.



Katherine Ross and Willie Nelson in The Red Headed Stranger.

## Cartland's vision of perfect love

"UNHAND me, Lord Wrotham, you make me shudder," she cries. "Oh, how exciting, I long to make you shudder," he growls with a leer.

The above exchange between Helena Bonham Carter and Edward Fox is one of the less sensational moments in A Hazard of Hearts, the first film of a Barbara Cartland novelette. It is everything one might expect from the queen of romance and the lord of the dance — Lew Grade, former Charleston champion of the world.

Lord Grade acquired the film right to Miss Cartland's complete works, a coup that should send a shudder through the lending libraries. If reading a Barbara Cartland story is like being drowned in honey, watching one is like being resurrected in the chocolate department of Harrods — thoroughly bad for you but quite irresistible.

The Cartland formula is both sugar-coated and gilded: beautiful virgins, handsome heroes, preferably titled, and wicked villains characterised by curling, sardonic lips. The prerequisites are period costume and aristocratic lineage; Miss Cartland does not dabble with the sort of mousy female physiotherapists who fall in love with doctors in Mills and Boon.

Fleshing out the Cartland vision of perfect love on screen has cost £4 million, the price that had to be paid for luring Diana Rigg, Stewart Granger, Christopher Plummer, Edward Fox and Helena Bonham Carter into "a classic tale of intrigue, murder and romance." Anna Massey and Eileen Atkins play servants.

Lew Grade has got his packaging absolutely right — a cast



Barbara Cartland surrounded by the stars of A Hazard of Hearts.

of stars extravagantly dressed by Julie Harris (who did The Slipper and The Rose). Bryan Forbes' version of Cinderella and impeccable stately locations at Belvoir Castle and Burghley. It is ideal for those Americans who think the British live in a museum. Indeed, when the film had its television debut in the US, it attracted more viewers in prime time than the blockbusters Terms of Endearment and Stir Crazy showing on rival channels.

A Hazard of Hearts, directed by John Hough, is set in the Regency (good for the costumes), and the heroine is lovely, lissome Serena (Helena

Bonham Carter) who is nice to dogs, horses and old people. Despite these attributes she is orphaned when her Papa (Christopher Plummer) shoots himself after gambling away her hand in marriage to the evil Lord Wrotham (Edward Fox) in a game of dice.

Wrotham, the rotter, then gambles her away to the enigmatic Lord Vulcan who apparently "never loses at anything, never shows any emotion and is cruel to the women who love him. And there have been many." Whew!

Definitely acquired from Rent-a-Rake Casting, new-

comer Marcus Gilbert plays Justin Vulcan as a man who could bundle a cigar as big as Lord Grade. Before you can say gadzooks he has whisked Serena off to live with his sinister, scheming mother (Diana Rigg) who is running the biggest gambling den in Europe in her haunted house. She also has a secret husband locked in the library and an interesting sideline smuggling Parisian silk through the cellar.

A kidnapping, two duels and three deaths later Serena finds True Love. Helena Bonham Carter's performance is actually a great deal more animated than in either Trevor

Nunn's vapid Lady Jane or A Room With a View. Her sulky pout is well suited to moments when Serena has to show spirit, as, when repelling Lord Wrotham, but she has also learnt to smile which is most useful when thumping a lift off a passing highwayman (Gareth Hunt).

Diana Rigg, swathed in velvet and clutching a brimming brandy balloon, gives a pyrotechnic display of the art of going over the top without disappearing completely. And Edward Fox appears to have his tongue firmly in his cheek, although it may be the curious speech impediment he has developed since playing Edward VIII.

This is Lord Grade's first film since The Biko Inquest directed by Albert Finney, some four years ago and he has struck a rich vein in spun-sugar escapism which, sensibly, is only being released on video. It would be mailed in the cinema but has the video rental potential of a good, old-fashioned penny dreadful.

Anyone who has guiltily enjoyed Barbara Cartland's harmless nonsense will be riveted by the plus production of a Hazard of Hearts. Of course much of it is quite ridiculous. Particularly enjoyable is Lord Vulcan's small talk "I was just remarking how quick the journey is from London these days," spoken like a man who used the M25 — but this is stuff of high comedy.

Even as Serena's adoring husband reverently presses for her favours, Lord Grade is planning "dangerous love," or a classic tale of intrigue, murder and romance.

A Hazard of Hearts is available on video in Kuwait.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.30 Space Adventure: cartoons
- 10.15 Tamar Al Shok: daily serial, with Abdul Munim Madbouli, Fatma Tabae, Rashwan Tawfiq.
- 11.00 News Summary/Good Morning
- 11.15 Ablah Munira: local serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jabr, Saad Ardash, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Al Manea.
- 12.00 Good Morning/News Summary
- 12.15 People and Sports
- 1.00 Football: Australian bicentenary Brazil vs Saudi Arabia.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon Serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.15 Like Father Like Son: English feature film
- 6.00 Bundug Wa Bundugah: children's serial, starring Liza, Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra
- 7.45 Open University
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab Said", Arabic serial.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Naar wa Duqqan: Arabic serial, featuring Sherihan, Mustafa Fahmi.
- 10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Addahi". Starring Miyad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Ashraf Abaza
- 11.50 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



Taking Care of Business is the title of tonight's episode of Growing Pains. 7.30 pm, KTV 2.

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Inspector Gadget: cartoons
- 6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Noel Buys a Suit". Noel wants to assert his independence.
- 7.00 Computers in Control: "Making Sense of the Real World". How computers are used to control traffic.
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Taking Care of Business". Mike takes a job despite his parent's warning.
- 8.40 O'Hara: "The Intruder". Burglars assault a girl. O'Hara vows to find them. Thriller.
- 9.30 Edge of Life:

"Against the Odds". Medicine. A look at care of premature infants in British Hospitals.

10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Verical". Sledge has a phobia of heights; he is in a dilemma when he has to rescue a friend trapped in a lighthouse.

10.30 L.A. Law: the much acclaimed series about the workings of an L.A. law firm: the personal and professional triumphs of lawyers.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

- Morning
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Writers and Poets in Arabic Literature
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Golden Collections
- 0930 Album Tracks
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 Music With a Theme
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service

- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 Pop Scene
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2215 Musical Celebrities
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Soul With a Beat
- 2330 Choice of the Week
- 2400 Closedown

## BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 05 News about Britain
- 09 News Newswel
- 30 Omnibus
- 0100 News Summary followed by
- 0105 Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 A-Z of Hollywood
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Pop Science Programme
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 Country Stories
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Mandarin
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Classical Record Review

## NIGHT CHEMIST

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Ahmed Al Jaber St.

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Al Zena Pharmacy  
Bin Khalidoun St.

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Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Al Wa'a Pharmacy  
Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St.

Jeeh Al Shiyoohk  
Al Nimran Pharmacy  
Opp. Secondary School

Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
New Market

- 30 Brain of Britain 1988
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 6th and 27th Folk in Britain; 13th and 27th Jazz Scene UK
- 1000 News Summary followed by
- 0105 Outlook
- 30 6th and 13th A World in Edgecwy; 20th and 27th Trivia Test Match
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Country Stories
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newswel
- 15 Time for Verse (ex 6th Irving Berlin Among Friends)
- 25 The Farzang World
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Report on Religion
- 1500 World News
- 15 The Politics of Laughter; 20th and 27th Three Wishes
- 30 Radio Active (ex 27th Two Cheers for July)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Counterpoint
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Society Today
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice

## ALL TIMES GMT

## FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 1630 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 French Hour
- 1800 Pop
- 1900 Be Our Guest
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pop
- 2200 Famous Classical Works
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behetreen Qual
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1943 Subha-e-Nau
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hidayat Rakhoni
- 2100 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakaiza  
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)  
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus  
Al Salmiya  
Police Academy IV  
Al Hamra  
The Last Shark  
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Morro  
Drive-In  
Al Marrah Wal Kancon (Arabic)  
Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Sherihan  
Al Firdous  
Shiva Shakti (Hindi)

Starring: Govinda, Shatrughan Sinha, Kimi Katkar  
Fahsheel Open-Air  
Zulm Ki Zanjeer (Hindi)  
Al Fahsheel  
Mo'tekah Al Nisa'a (Arabic)  
Al Jahra  
Roller Boogie  
Granada  
Qaher Al Fursan (Arabic)  
Sulabikhat  
Ananiharam (Malayalam)  
Al Jeeb  
Diriy Harry  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Sah Al Noum (Arabic)

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## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## German Painting Exhibition

An exhibition of German paintings at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel, open daily until July 20. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Some of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## SOCIAL

## D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening cum entertain-

ment on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Legna — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

## German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee morning will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonçalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

## Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Padayil — 2422973.

## HOTELS

## At the SAS

At Bustan and the Lobby Bar are featuring strawberry creations, such as strawberry meringue, a meringue bowl filled with fresh strawberries, a vanilla ice cream scoop and whipped cream. Fresh strawberry, served plain, also featured. The promotion continues until July 14.

## At the Holiday Inn

Melon promotion featuring cool melon slices is being held at the hotel, until July 15. Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

## At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The lake-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Meridian  
La Brasserie offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, featuring buffet or a la carte.

At Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights, until July 15.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Dine in the luxurious setting of the Riccardo Restaurant and enjoy authentic Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo.

The Hunt Room offers authentic English atmosphere and features a selection of the best grilled food; music by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams.

Al Hamra offers authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday night; on Wednesday the restaurant features a choice of seafood specialities; every evening the Lords provides entertainment.

## At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzehs, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and fruit cocktail creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

## At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

## SPORTS

## PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to participate are requested to register before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

ONE doesn't need to be a cook to criticize the cooking  
— Samuel Johnson, English writer (1709-1784).

## Airbus incident

## No change in Arab attitude

By Richard Pyle

MANAMA, (AP): Arab governments in the Gulf, while admitting they find the US military presence at times overbearing, are not reshaping policy as a result of the shooting down of an Iranian jetliner by an American warship, diplomats said Saturday.

Nor are there signs of a major change in public opinion during the week since the tragedy, in which all 290 aboard the Iranian A300 Airbus perished when it was destroyed by missiles fired by the US Navy cruiser Vincennes.

Around the Gulf, statements by governments and by editorial writers are sometimes sharply critical of the US action for causing loss of life. But they have generally stressed that the Iraq war, rather than the United States itself, was to blame for the disaster.

## Sympathy

Public attitudes appear to reflect that sentiment, according to the editor of the Khaleej Times, a major newspaper in the United Arab Emirates. Sympathy for Iran's point of view is perhaps stronger there than in any other Gulf Arab state.

"The widespread feeling is that the tragedy should not have taken place. It would not have taken place if the war had stopped. As long as the war continues, such things will happen," said the editor, Mahbub Jamal Zahedi.

There are about 150,000 Iranians and many other people of Iranian extraction in the emirates, which maintain close commercial ties with Iran, just across the Gulf.

The passenger list of Iran Air's flight 655 from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, the Emirates' biggest city, included 17 UAE residents.

Ad Zabee's newspaper on Saturday carried a full page, black-bordered "thanks for condolences" ad, signed by a top Emirates police official whose father was a victim.

At the indoor skating rink at Dubai's Galleria Hotel, a young Kuwaiti, Khaled Abdul Latif Al Ahmed, said the shooting of the Iranian plane "made people in the Emirates very angry," and said he did not think it was accidental, as the United States has claimed.

"America is not good. Not all, but some people," said Ahmed.

## Pillars of Israeli socialism crumbling

By Paul Taylor

TEL AVIV, (Reuters): Pillars of Israeli socialism seem to be crumbling in the Jewish state's 40th anniversary year.

The country's socialised health system and the industrial empire of the Histadrut Labour Federation are in crisis, facing harsh economic realities.

Their woes challenge two long-sacred Israeli principles — the right to equal, free health care and the right to a job.

The Zionist pioneers who founded Israel, led by David Ben-Gurion, were East European Socialists who envisaged a Jewish welfare state with worker ownership of the means of production.

But today, Israel is striving to be a capitalist consumer society, a belated convert to tax cuts and privatisation, under the pervasive influence of the United States.

Its Kibbutz collective settlements and Moshav agricultural co-operatives have suffered painful debt crises and are no longer such a major force in the economy.

## Loss

Now the giant trade union-owned Koor Corporation, which employs one third of Israel's industrial labour force and produces 12 per cent of its industrial product, has reported a record loss of \$250 million for 1987.

The deficit was more than double the 1986 figure. Koor's new managing director, Benny Gaon, told reporters only a revolutionary break from Histadrut's jobs-before-profit ideology would save the conglomerate, which makes every-

When asked whether he thought the US fleet should be pulled out of the Gulf, he replied, "No. But maybe there is a problem between Iran and America."

Gulf newspaper editorials after the Iran Air incident underscored the need to end the nearly 8-year-old Iraq-Iran war, although some took the opportunity to condemn the United States for a Middle East policy built around support for Israel.

The United States "downed the whole region decades ago," said the Arab-language Al Khaleej, based in the Emirate of Sharjah.

Many Arab officials say privately that while the US naval commitment has helped to bring stability to the volatile oil waterway, they find the Navy's role sometimes oppressive.

A day after the shooting down of Iran Air 655, one Arab diplomat, speaking privately, said a broadening US role "can only mean more explosive situations."

## Blame

A Western diplomat, whose assignment encompasses most of the Arab Gulf governments from Kuwait in the north to Oman on the Strait of Hormuz, said his contacts in recent days indicate that Arab officials feel the war must be blamed for the jetliner disaster.

"They are stunned by the tragedy but they're not blaming the United States — although they are trying now to distance themselves from the Americans as much as possible," said the diplomat, speaking on condition not to be further identified.

"They are not prepared to kick Uncle Sam."

That view was reflected in the statements of Arab governments, which avoided direct criticism of the United States. The initial statements in most cases reflect the official policy, with no elaboration.

## Tragedies

"Continuation of the destructive Iraq-Iran war threatens the entire region with more tragedies day after day," said an official source in Bahrain, the island state that allows the United States limited port facilities for its warships.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry, in an official statement, said "more painful incidents could take place" if the Iraq-Iran war is not ended, and Qatar issued a similar statement deploring the continuing hostilities.

thing from metals, chemicals and ceramics to computers.

"Koor will no longer put up with plants that lose money," he warned. Subsidiaries that did not make a profit would be sold or closed.

In words once considered heresy, Gaon declared: "Koor exists to act as an economic, profitable institution and not to provide jobs."

Underlining a determination to shed thousands of workers and sell off losers, Koor put its loss-making alliance tire and rubber subsidiary into receivership and last week had police remove angry workers occupying its factory.

Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar, Yemen-born head of the labour movement founded by Polish and Russian Jewish Marxists, gave Koor's tough new chief his full backing.

## Turnaround

Kessar, a Labour Party member of Parliament, may have sensed that only a radical turnaround in the Histadrut's enterprises could save them from becoming a liability to his party in this year's general election. The health crisis also involves the Histadrut, whose Kupat Holim Sick Fund provides medical care for 80 per cent of the population.

It is locked in a bitter battle with the Finance Ministry over subsidies, doctors' pay and the future of public health care.

Hospital doctors, ambulance crews, anaesthetists and maintenance staff have all been on strike this year, demanding higher wages and more government money to keep the health service functioning.

By Bjorn Edlund

TEHRAN, (Reuters): Signs of war, with posters proclaiming "Death to America," are seen everywhere in Tehran.

Bomb shelters, sandbagged banks and street altars for young men killed in Iran's conflict with Iraq are poignant evidence that Tehran is the capital of a nation fighting for its life.

Windows are taped to cushion the impact of Iraqi bombs — suspended since March after a month-long battering that sapped morale. At night, Revolutionary Guards man checkpoints at exit roads.

## Slogans

But life is deceptively normal in the bustling city set against the majestic Alborz Mountains. By day, it is a dusty cauldron where women must be tormented by the ankle-long chador garments they have to wear under Islamic rules. Florida slogans abound on city walls, denouncing the United States.

The Revolutionary Guards, young Islamic zealots who see themselves as the guardians of

Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 revolution, have taken over the US embassy where American diplomats were held hostage for 444 days.

Lookout posts on the corners of the compound stand over such slogans as: "The superpowers' right of veto is worse than the law of the jungle."

But not all share the revolutionary fervour. Middle-class parents worry that their sons will be added to the list of 500,000 Iranian lives lost in the eight-year-old war.

## Blasted

During the "war of the cities," when Iraqi missiles blasted large craters in Tehran, angry mobs beset the revolutionary guards who came to help clear debris and bring out the dead, residents said.

"You cannot overestimate the impact the missiles had," said one foreign businessman who asked not to be identified. "For

## War is wearing Iranians down

## Tehran fighting for its life

weeks, all anyone talked about was the war, where bombs had hit and where they could hit."

Ali, a Tehran worker, lost four close family members in the war. He said he saw no point in continuing the conflict but would not discuss his views with anyone except his closest friends.

"In every family there are people who are for Khomeini and those who want the war to end and think that the Ayatollah could end it if he wanted to," Ali said.

One Western resident said most Iranians were willing to discuss their opposition to the war openly.

"People still look over their shoulders, but they also come more frequently these days to offer their opinions without being asked," he said.

"Banks are sandbagged for a simple reason, one Iranian official said — 'If a bomb hit the bank, it would turn into a self-service.'"

Ali and many of his friends make about 40,000 to 50,000 rials a month — between \$571 and \$714 officially but less than a tenth of that at the more realistic black market exchange rate.

"Before the revolution, everything was cheaper, life was easier, life was better," Ali said.

He said rationing of meat, poultry, eggs, rice and cooking oil meant there was not enough to feed his family.

"I get 759 grammes (26 ounces) of poultry per person a month for my family, and 4,000 grammes (141 ounces) of meat. That is not nearly enough," he said.

With rationing coupons, meat is 750 rials per kg, but the free market price swings between 2,800 and 4,000 rials. A chicken, traditional food here, costs 4,000 rials — almost a tenth of the average monthly wage, according to diplomats.

Ali said he took his family to a

funfair in the cooler and wealthier north of the city, the only entertainment still open.

"The movie houses all show these heroic tales about Islamic volunteers dying at the front, or some boring East bloc film," he said. "You can't go to the nightclubs, which are all closed, and you certainly can't go for a drink anywhere."

## Shortages

Iranians say shortages are their worst problem, apart from the fear that the war will again touch them directly through bombing or missile attacks.

Authorities have renamed foreign hotels and restaurants, streets and theatres to stress their difference. But the taxi driver still finds the "ex-Hilton" more easily than the "Independent."

Islamic rules of propriety have been relaxed, Iranians say, but Revolutionary Guards will still wipe make-up off a woman's face

if she wears it in public. In a hotel shop selling pantyhose of European origin, the legs of models on the packages are blacked out.

Expatriates say they are pleasantly surprised on arrival to find the friendly people so different from the frenzied, fist-waving image captured on news film.

"I thought I was going to be treated badly but that is not at all the case," said one European executive.

"I don't understand why Iran keeps fostering that frothing-at-the-mouth image by inviting journalists in only when there are stage-managed demonstrations."

Last week, Iran issued short-term visas to scores of foreign reporters to cover funeral marches and speeches after the US downing of an Iran Air jetliner with the loss of 290 lives.

But one diplomat said he was still very aware of a feeling of insecurity and unpredictability.

"If you wish, we are all hostages here," he said. "There is no telling when your country falls out with Iran. And then God help you."

## Cooling Egyptian tempers

## Bread is cheaper than animal feed

By Bahgat Badie

CAIRO, (Reuters): A scrawny goat chewing through the pile of stale pita bread in a narrow alley of a Nile Delta village provoked the President of Egypt to anger.

President Hosni Mubarak, leader of the Arab world's most populous nation, called it "a revolting scene" and urged his 53 million people to stop squandering food.

Most of the food is expensively imported by the debt-burdened nation.

But the problem is that bread, heavily subsidised by the government, is cheaper than animal feed.

There is no official tally of the total of bread wasted, but some experts say 30 to 40 per cent of bread goes to the goats or is otherwise squandered.

## Cheaper

The loaf is a staple on every table at every meal, and the Arabic word for bread, "عيش" means life. Its price could become a political barometer.

The government, eager to keep tempers cool, keeps the price of a basic loaf from government bakeries at a stable two piastres (one cent).

But that makes it much cheaper than animal feed, currently 22 Egyptian pounds (\$10) for 20 kg (44 pounds), or

just over a pound a kilogramme, 10 times the price of a kilogramme of bread.

"It's cheaper to feed livestock with stale bread than use fodder which costs more and is hard to get," said farmer Assem Mohammed Ahmed.

He makes his own feed — bread soaked in water.

The government has budgeted 1.8 billion pounds (\$780 million) this fiscal year to subsidise bread and other staples like fuel, cooking oil, butane gas, rice, tea and sugar.

Despite pressure from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which is backing debt-burdened Egypt's attempts at economic reform and wants more realistic prices, the government refuses abrupt rises.

Remembering bloody riots that gripped Egypt in 1977 when bread and flour prices were raised sharply, Mubarak regularly assures Egyptians that the government is not contemplating any increases that will hit peasants and the urban poor.

In recent years, authorities have tried one-way round what a diplomat calls "the stability conundrum" — raising prices without telling people what is being done.

The government has introduced "new, improved" loaves at a higher price — five to 10 piastres (2.5 to five cents). Then, it

has gradually reduced supplies of cheaper loaves. The result has been more people paying more money for bread.

But the price of the improved loaf still falls below production costs, and has failed to curb waste or cut Egypt's wheat and flour imports from the United States, Canada, Australia and other suppliers.

"For every 10 loaves of bread, six are being baked with imported wheat flour," said an Agriculture Ministry official.

Mubarak said last May that Egypt consumed more wheat than any other country, citing an annual average consumption of 200 KG (440 pounds) of flour per head against a world average of 55 KG (120 pounds).

## Rising

Egypt imports 60 per cent of its annual needs of 5.3 million tonnes of wheat and 1.8 million tonnes of wheat flour on the world market.

With the population rising by one million every eight months, the government is trying not only to curb waste but also increase wheat production.

Agriculture Minister Youssef Wali said last month that output next year was expected to rise to 3.5 million tonnes compared to two million in 1987. The target is four million tonnes by the end of the second five-year plan in mid-1992, he said.



A young Egyptian vendor arranges loaves of bread, which he sells for two piastres (one cent) each, at the side of a busy Cairo street. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Honeymoon is over for illegal workers in US

By Scott Armstrong

LOS ANGELES: United States immigration authorities, policemen for the nation's borders, are now walking a new beat: the company executive suite.

After a year-long grace period, the US Immigration and Naturalization Service is beginning to aggressively go after employers who hire illegal workers as part of its enforcement of the new immigration law.

"The honeymoon is over," Harold Ezell, INS Western regional commissioner, declared recently as he announced fines against several California companies. "We intend to show that this law is not a paper tiger."

The shift is a significant one in the evolution of the landmark reform measure passed in 1986. It will ultimately determine whether the law's main goal — slowing the flow of illegal aliens into the United States by taking away their principal reason for coming, jobs — will work.

Until now, the INS has largely been playing the role of educator rather than enforcer of the sanctions provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. It requires for the first time that employers be held liable for knowingly hiring illegal workers. Penalties can run from \$250 per alien up to \$10,000, and include jail terms.

## Warnings

In the past year, INS agents have visited some 960,000 companies to explain the sanctions and encourage voluntary compliance. During that time the agency was required to issue warnings to first offenders. Only the most egregious violators were fined, about 100 companies.

As of June 1, however, the INS began moving into serious enforcement. (The first phase of another key part of the law, amnesty for certain illegal aliens, ended May 4.) While the agency will continue to educate employers, it will also be giving out many more fines along with the friendly advice.

In one week, for instance, the

INS cited 23 employers in California, adding up to a total of \$90,000 in fines.

"The primary goal now is enforcing the law," says the INS's Rick Kenney in Washington.

The new emphasis may be coming none too soon. In the first year after the law went into effect, apprehensions of illegal aliens along the US-Mexican border — usually a gauge of the number trying to come across — dropped dramatically, apparently the result of exaggerated rumours of mass deportations and firings north of the border.

Now, however, the numbers are ratcheting upward again. Arrests during the first four months of 1988 were up 13 per cent over the same period a year ago, though they were still below 1986's record pace.

While the numbers don't mean the law isn't working, the impact of the employer sanctions on the influx of aliens into the country will be closely watched by critics and supporters alike.

"It will be about a year before we know if there is some effect," says a congressional aide who closely follows the issue.

## Obstacles

The INS faces formidable obstacles in trying to police the nation's employers. One reason is manpower. True, the agency is beefing up the force that will investigate sanctions violations. Now 1,000 strong, it is expected to rise to about 1,700. Another 1,100 agents will be added to the patrol along the border.

Yet their beat will be huge — the nation's several million employers. In their education meetings with more than 900,000 businesses last year, the INS gave out only 2,200 warning citations. The agency will also have to cope with bogus documents.

Under the law, most businesses must now have an I-9 form for each worker hired after Nov 6, 1986, showing that they checked employers' birth certificates or other records verifying their legal status to work.

Yet employers are not respon-

sible for determining the authenticity of the papers. Thus fake documents are expected to proliferate. Early results of a survey of 400 immigrant workers at companies in southern California, conducted by researchers at the University of California at San Diego, show that one-quarter of the undocumented workers have already purchased bogus papers.

"Employers are complying with the letter of the law in terms of filling out I-9 forms," says Kitty Calavitta, one of the researchers. "But in many cases, they said they thought they had illegal workers on staff."

Given the size of the task, INS officials are approaching enforcement similar to the way the highway patrol approaches speeding. It can't pinch everyone who drives too fast, so officers cite the most flagrant violators and anyone else they can, which sends a message to others.

So far, there are conflicting reports of whether businesses are adhering to the law. INS studies show that most are, while a Labour Department survey found only 41 per cent of the employers whose records they checked over a seven-month period in full compliance.

Many executives are anxiously waiting to see how big the INS's night stick will be. Trade groups such as the US Chamber of Commerce are urging the agency to continue its education campaign, since they contend that many employers still don't understand the law. They are also poised to file suit, though, if the INS is heavy handed in its enforcement tactics.

"We're going to be joining in litigation if we see they have stepped outside their bounds," says Virginia Lamp Thomas, a labour relations attorney with the US Chamber.

Immigrants-rights groups, meanwhile, are watching for discriminatory practices against Chicanos and other foreign-appearing workers by employers.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## Madame Chiang Kai-Shek bows out of Taiwan politics

By Andrew Quinn

TAIPEI, (Reuters): Waving a white handkerchief to cheering delegates to a congress of the ruling Nationalist Party, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek bowed off Taiwan's political stage dominated by the Chiang dynasty for almost four decades.

History has passed by the ageing widow of China's wartime leader Chiang Kai-Shek and her family that ruled unchallenged since the Nationalists fled to Taiwan in 1949.

Attempts by younger members of the Chiang dynasty to use this week's 13th Nationalist Party Congress to regroup following the death in January of President Chiang Ching-kuo, the family's last patriarch, have been quashed by new president Lee Teng-Hui.

None won nominations to key party posts.

Madame Chiang's stepson, Chiang Ching-kuo, ruled out a family succession and Lee faithfully followed those instructions to shape a new leadership to push democratic reforms after a long era of strongman rule.

The congress is rich with reminders of the Chiang legacy, including giant portraits of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and his son hung around the conference centre.

## Devotion

Offliving family members, only Madame Chiang, the power behind her husband first in China and later in his island-exile of Taiwan, can command the unquestioning devotion of the Nationalist Party.

Looking frail and unsteady, she made a dramatic appearance last Friday on the second day of the party congress at a mountain retreat in the hills above Taipei. Imperious as ever, she informed party leaders of her attendance only hours before stepping onto stage to a thunderous ovation led by ageing supporters of her late husband seated in the front rows.

The woman who tried once to block the nomination of Lee

Teng-Hui as party chairman delivered a sharp reminder to delegates about the Nationalists' past, which reads like a family history.

"We should make innovations without forgetting the past, and move ahead without forgetting our roots," she said before bidding farewell with a delicate wave.

## Ambitions

The first sign that the Chiangs would not fare well appeared on Sunday when Lee Teng-Hui announced his nominations to slots on the party's Central Committee.

Lee passed over General Chiang Wego, younger half-brother of the late president who has inherited the mantle of Chiang family patriarch and is widely believed to harbour political ambitions.



Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

Lee's move surprised political observers, who had predicted that Chiang Wego, current chairman of the National Security Council, a high level presidential advisory group, would rise to the Central Standing Committee, the party's top policy-making body.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1558 — Flemish Army under Duke of Egmont in service of Spain's King Philip II, aided by English fleet, defeats French at Gravelines.
- 1648 — French take Tortosa in Italy.
- 1793 — French revolutionary Jean Marat is murdered by Charlotte Corday.
- 1822 — Greeks defeat Turks at Thermopylae Pass in Greece.
- 1841 — Major powers, by Convention of the Straits, guarantee Ottoman independence, and the Dardanelles and Bosphorus are closed to warships of all nations in peacetime.
- 1854 — Abbas I, viceroy of Egypt, is murdered, and is succeeded by Mohammed Said.
- 1863 — Rioting against US civil war military conscription breaks out in New York City, and about 1,000 people are killed in three days of disorder.
- 1878 — Russo-Turkish war ends.
- 1911 — Britain and Japan renew their alliance for four years, completes its round trip.
- 1963 — Chinese accuse United States of trying to poison relations between Peking and Moscow.
- 1971 — Firing squads in Morocco execute 10 Army officers accused of trying to overthrow King Hassan.
- 1976 — Twelve nations conclude meeting in Paris on exploitation of minerals in Antarctic after 1989.
- 1986 — Two Muslims are burned alive by Hindus at main government hospital in India's Gujarat state on fifth day of 1987.
- 1987 — Two Iranian gunboats attack French container ship in the Gulf of Saudi Arabia, and Iraq says its warplanes made retaliatory raids.



By Kathy Cuddihy

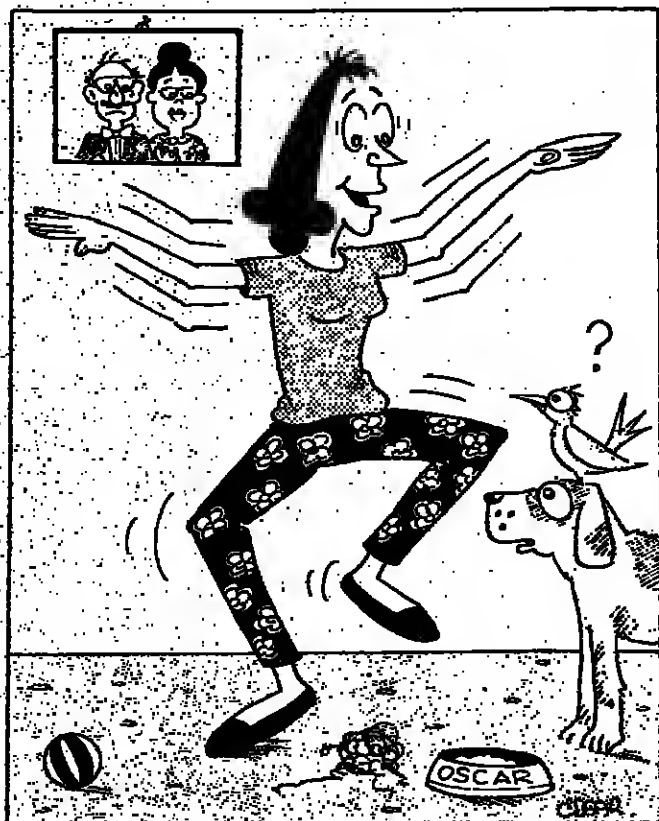
BERT'S life began with a bump: he fell out a tree shortly after birth. My husband, out walking Oscar, our large Labrador Retriever, discovered the down-covered body just before Oscar drowned the poor thing with a lift of the leg. Quite uncharacteristically, my husband decided to "adopt" the pathetic little creature then and there.

After settling the bird into a makeshift cardboard box "nest", I spent the entire morning phoning "authorities" who might be able to give us some life-saving tips. Pet shop owners suggested that we let it die peacefully... and they would happily sell us a strong, healthy replacement. The SPCA pessimistically insisted that we were fighting a losing battle. Even the head of the local zoo couldn't offer any recommendations. He had never hand-reared newborn birds. My own childhood experiences of trying unsuccessfully to save baby birds stressed that the odds were not favourable.

Not having any expert advice on which to rely, we resorted to the old standby of an eye-dropper. Patiently we fed drops of water and lukewarm milk down its thirsty throat. Then my husband, the man who likes to pretend that he doesn't want to share his life with animals (or birds), came up with a novel idea: pound some dry dog food and mix it with a little warm milk. This would give a bit of substance to the basically boring diet. Oscar was not at all pleased to see his food going to a bird, but he consoled himself with the thought the situation wouldn't last for long.

He was wrong. The bird thrived on the kibble. So much so, that we expected it to start barking any day. Since his survival

## Bringing up Bert



seemed assured, we decided "it" had to have a name. "Bert the Bird" seemed as good as any.

Bert soon became agile enough to hop out of his box, so we borrowed a bird cage to confine him for his own safety... and for the sake of our carpet, which had already seen more than its share of bird poops.

Our first challenge had been Bert's survival. With that success behind us, we now had to teach him how to survive on his own. We had never given flying lessons before, so this challenge proved particularly interesting.

Several times each day, Bert perched on our fingers which we lowered with enough speed so that he would instinctively spread his wings to maintain balance. Gradually his wings became strong enough for short trial flights. What a triumph! He seemed as delighted as we

were. Oscar was the only one not terribly pleased with the progress — possibly because Bert often used Oscar's back or head as a landing strip.

One thing we could not teach Bert was the birdsong of his species. But we did the best we could. We only hoped that his off-key rendition of "Yankee Doodle" would someday attract enough tone-deaf comrades to ensure his acceptance in the bird world.

Bert may not have been a great singer, but he was a fantastic watchbird. If anyone came near our apartment, Bert let out unrelenting, unholy squawks until we calmed him with the phrase, "Down boy, down."

Poor Bert. He didn't know quite what breed he was supposed to be. He loved to fly onto my husband's chest, burrow through his shirt and curl

up among the hairs for a comfortable evening watching TV. He also had great affection for Oscar, despite the fact that Oscar didn't necessarily return the compliment. As Oscar lay peacefully sleeping, Bert would land on the end of Oscar's nose, then purposefully walk up the snout until he arrived at Oscar's long eyelashes... which Bert would then proceed to groom with tender loving care.

Probably our most important job as surrogate parents was to teach Bert how to feed himself. Unfortunately, he showed absolutely no interest in learning this skill. Bert enjoyed too much the routine and companionship of being hand-fed. In desperation, we eventually made firm little balls of the kibble and milk blend, put a few of them on a plate in his cage, and then perseveringly pushed his head toward the plate. A successful push resulted in his beak stabbing one of the balls. After countless pushes, our efforts finally paid off. Bert could now fend for himself. It was doubtful that he would find quantities of dog food in the wild, but at least he had mastered the hunt and peck system.

By now, Bert had grown so big and strong that he had outgrown his cage. Obviously it was time to let him go. We hoped that all we had taught him would be enough to get him safely started in a life with his own kind.

Sadly, we returned Bert to the tree where he had been found. The great outdoors frightened him at first, but then he spread his wings and flew with a freedom that our apartment had never afforded him.

We never saw Bert again. Nevertheless, I swear I could hear some answering bars of "Yankee Doodle" whenever I whistled the tune in the park.

## Dickens: essays in invective

### Some home truths for Mr Pecksniff

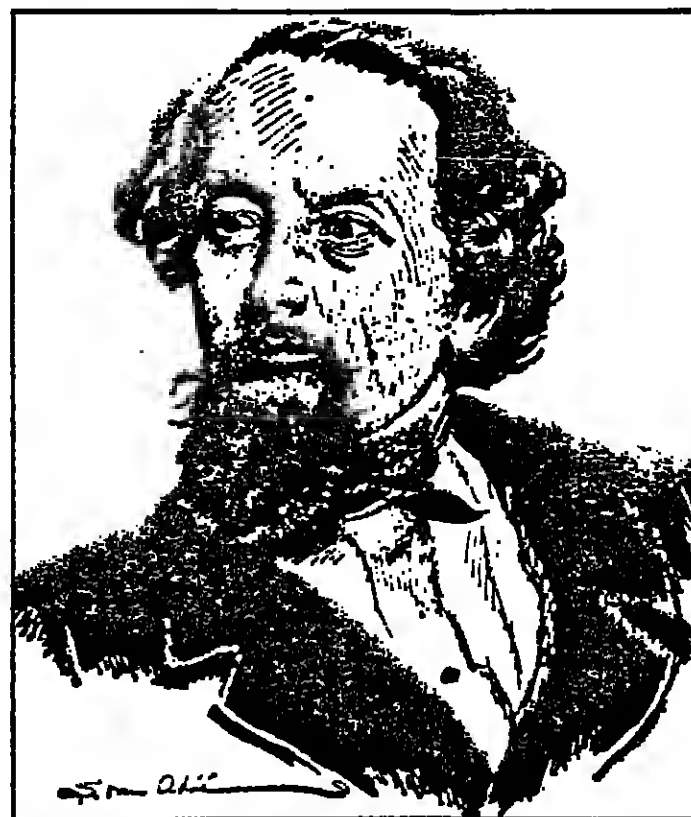
"DO YOU threaten me, sir?" cried Mr Pecksniff.

Martin looked at him, and made no answer; but a curious observer might have detected an ominous twitching at his mouth, and perhaps an involuntary attraction of his right hand in the direction of Mr Pecksniff's cravat.

"I lament to be obliged to say, sir," resumed Mr Pecksniff, "that it would be quite in keeping with your character if you did threaten me. You have deceived me. You have imposed upon a nature which you know to be confiding and unsuspecting. You have obtained admission, sir," said Mr Pecksniff, rising, "to this house on perverted statements, and on false pretences."

"Go on," said Martin, with a scornful smile. "I understand you now. What more?"

"Thus much more, sir," cried Mr Pecksniff, trembling from head to foot, and trying to rub his hands, as though he were only cold. "Thus much more, if you force me to publish your shame before a third party, which I was unwilling and indisposed to do. This lowly roof, sir, must not be contaminated by the presence of one who has deceived, and cruelly deceived, an honourable, beloved, venerated, and venerable gentleman; and who wisely suppressed that deceit from me when he sought my protection and favour, knowing that, humble as I am, I am an honest man, seeking to do my duty in this carnal universe, and setting my face against all vice and treachery. I weep for your depravity, sir," said Mr Pecksniff; "I mourn over your corruption. I pity your voluntary withdrawal of yourself from the flowery paths of purity and peace; here he struck himself upon his breast, or moral garden; "but I cannot have a leper and a serpent for an inmate. Go forth," said Mr Pecksniff, stretching out his hand "go forth, young man! Like all who know you, I ren-



Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

ounce you!" With what intention Martin made a stride forward at these words it is impossible to say. It is enough to know that Tom Pinch caught him in his arms, and that, at the same moment, Mr Pecksniff stepped back so hastily that he missed his footing, tumbled over a chair, and fell in a sitting posture on the ground; where he remained without an effort to get up again, with his head in a corner, perhaps considering it the safest place.

"Let me go, Pinch!" cried Martin, shaking him a way. "Why do you hold me? Do you think a blow could make him a more abject creature than he is? Do you think that if I spat upon him, I could degrade him to a lower level than his own? Look at him. Look at him, Pinch!"

"I tell you," said Martin, "that as he lies there, disgraced, bought, used; a cloth for dirty hands, a mat for dirty feet, a lying, fawning, servile hound; he is the very last and worst among the vermin of the world. And mark me, Pinch! The day

will come — he knows it; see it written on his face while I speak! — when even you will find out, and will know him as I do, and as he knows I do. He renounces me! Cast your eyes on the renouncer, Pinch, and be the wiser for the recollection!"

He pointed at him as he spoke with unutterable contempt, and, flinging his hat upon his head, walked from the room and from the house.

Martin Cuzzlewit

### Editor lets himself go

...Mr. Pott, drawing forth the last number of the *Estonswill Gazette*, and referring to the same, delivered himself of the following paragraph:

"Hole-and-corner buffery"

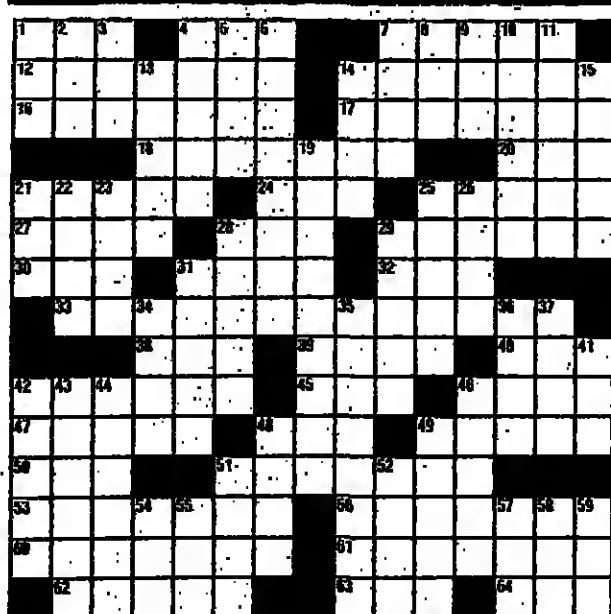
"A REPTILE contemporary has recently sweated forth his black venom in the vain and hopeless attempt of sullying the

fair name of our distinguished and excellent representative, the Honourable Mr Shumkey — the Shumkey whom we, long before he gained his present noble and exalted position, predicted would one day be, as he now is, his country's brightest honour, and her proudest boast: alike her bold defender and her honest pride — our reptile contemporary, we say, has made himself merry, at the expense of a superbly embossed plated coal-scuttle, which has been presented to that glorious man by his enraptured constituents; and towards the purchase of which, the nameless wretch insinuates, the Honourable Mr Shumkey himself contributed, through a confidential friend of his butler's, more than three-fourths of the whole sum subscribed. Why, does not this crawling creature see, that even if this be the fact, the Honourable Mr Shumkey only appears in a still more amiable and radiant light than before, if that be possible? Does not even his obtuseness perceive that this amiable and touching desire to carry out the wishes of the constituent body, must for ever endear him to the hearts and souls of such of his fellow townsmen as are not worse than swine; or, in other words, who are not as debased as our contemporary himself? But such is the wretched trickery of hole-and-corner buffery! These are not its only artifices. Treason is abroad. We boldly state, now that we are goaded to the disclosure, and we throw ourselves on the country and its constables for protection — we boldly state that secret preparations are at this moment in progress for a Buff ball; which is to be held in a Buff town, in the very heart and centre of a Buff population, which is to be conducted by a Buff master of the ceremonies; which is to be attended by four ultra Buff members of Parliament, and the admission to which, is to be by Buff tickets! Does our fiendish contemporary wince? Let him writhe, in impotent malice, as we pen the words. We will be there."

"There, sir," said Pott, folding up the paper quite exhausted, "that is the state of the case!"

Pickwick Papers

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  - 1 Triangular sail
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  - 3 Intellect
  - 4 Washy start
  - 5 Gourmet treat
  - 6 Chicken Little, for one
  - 7 Sala condition
  - 8 Tennis stroke
  - 9 Downed
  - 10 Glum
  - 11 Sedative
  - 13 Championship
  - 14 "Where — now, the glory —?"
  - 15 Like some seals
  - 19 Mysterious material
  - 21 Label
  - 22 Defeat
  - 23 Biblical preposition
  - 25 Sap
  - 26 Actress
  - 28 Bancroft
  - 29 Hieronymus
  - 30 Approaches
  - 31 Strident
  - 34 — accomplish
  - 35 Made known
  - 36 Meat cut
  - 37 Half a celebrated panda
  - 41 Composer
  - 42 Delibes
  - 43 Abysses
  - 44 Wams
  - 45 Flaherty's "of the North"
  - 46 Capital of Oregon
  - 48 — it (amen)
  - 49 Go by car
  - 51 A triplet
  - 52 Wave, in France
  - 54 Inlet, in the Orkneys
  - 55 Yalle
  - 57 Eve's origin
  - 58 "Who am — argue?"
  - 59 Alcott heroine

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOTS SHAH BOAR  
ARIA POLES AMMO  
BARRELOFMONKEYS  
LEANEED TEENSY  
MES CHAR  
SAITEEN BRER ILLA  
PLOODS POOR GNUS  
LAUGHLOWLAUGH  
ATTY DOTS AGREE  
YES AMIS EMBERS  
MEIN ALI  
AISTER SANDORA  
MARDIGRASPARADE  
ELITE SAGES IVAN  
SITIOA NOTE PIET

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
USE FINESSE; DON'T FINESSE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K Q  
♥ J 7 6 4  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ K J 8

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8 7 4  
♥ K 10 9  
♦ Q 10 9 3  
♣ 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 6 3 2  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ A 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5  
♥ A Q 2  
♦ A 6 4  
♣ Q 10 9 7 6 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠  
Nowhere is the difference between a tyro and an expert more marked than when it comes to taking a finesse. The relative newcomer can't wait for the opportunity to try win a trick with a lesser card; the pro looks for ways to avoid taking a finesse, because he wants better than even money odds.

Since North's jump to three no trump showed a band of 16-18 points and a 4-3-3-3 distribution, South decided he would gamble on a

club slam. That might seem risky considering his suit, but he knew his partner held at least three-card support, and it was odds-on that a top honor would be included.

West led a spade, and the great duplication was unfortunate. At first glance it seemed the contract hinged on the heart finesse, since a diamond and a heart could be discarded on dummy's spades. However, declarer found an alternative line, that would work if hearts were 3-3, or if either defender held a singleton or doubleton king of hearts. Those combined chances were better than a finesse—54-to-50, if you're mathematically inclined.

Declarer took the three top spades, discarding two hearts from hand. He came to hand with the ace of hearts and led a low trump to the eight. East returned a trump (no other suit would have been any better). Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart, entered dummy by drawing the last trump, and ruffed another heart. When the king came tumbling down on this trick, declarer could get back to the table with the king of diamonds to cash the jack of hearts for a diamond discard, and a well-played slam rolled home.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will be able to find the solution to a problem that has long eluded you. Others will be better disposed towards you and you should reciprocate. Make sure you do not put your health at risk. Be considerate.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will have to deal with a rather forceful person. You will find it easier to express yourself clearly. You should ensure that you eat a sensible diet and drink only modestly. Be a little more generous.

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will find a lot of satisfaction in something that you are doing. A friend of yours will greatly appreciate hearing from you. You should not think of yourself alone. Be a little more patient.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will not quite like the way things are going but you have little choice just now. Events are moving rapidly than seems to be the case and there just is no time to lose. You have good reason to be pleased with yourself.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You should not lose time dealing with secondary matters. Make sure others understand what you have in mind. You will have a few disappointments but you will know how to cope with them. Be firm.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
The situation you are in is improving but there is still a lot that has to be attended to with care. You should make quite sure you have read the instructions before connecting a new device. Watch out for careless drivers. Be punctual.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You will have plenty to do so you should not waste time or dissipate your energies. To meet a new challenge you will require new methods. You should seek to improve. Be steadfast.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will find it easier to concentrate than you have done of late. You should not allow yourself to be intimidated. Make sure you can meet your existing commitments before taking on any new ones.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
You are subject to mixed influences and should take more care. Do not leave until later something you know should be tackled now. Do not allow your emotions to boil over. Be more attentive.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You will tend to be a little too critical and should restrain yourself. It would be nice for you to help others. Avoid allowing yourself to be invaded by negative thoughts. Be affirmative.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
You will not be in the best of moods and must beware of offending others. You will be proved right, but you should not rub it in.



"You must be the notorious Captain Phillips."



## WOMEN

## Permanent psychological and physical effects

## Steroid problems of the fighting woman

By Lucy O'Brien

IN 1985 Zoe Warwick was Britain's champion woman bodybuilder.

The moment of winning was wonderful. But it nearly wrecked her life. "When a woman bodybuilder goes on stage, she can have a fat level of 5 per cent."

An anorectic has 10. The only way a woman can achieve that and still maintain muscle size is by taking drugs," she says. Zoe now trains actors, works out in Golds Gym, Covent Garden and no longer competes. The use of steroids, she claims, ruined her career.

Steroids abuse is one of sport's most controversial subjects. In bodybuilding, a sport which increasingly attracts women competitors, the problem is at its most complex.

## Advent

For the track and field athlete, performance is all but for the bodybuilder the "look" is vital: the rip, the cut, the tuck and the sheer bulk is judged.

The drug can be used like an artificial testosterone to increase the appearance of muscle size. Even the semblance of muscle growth is enough to send competitors steroid searching.

Since the advent of stiffer competition and the prolifera-

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tion of steroid abuse, attitudes have polarised.

This was best shown in the 1986 movie Pumping Iron II, the exhilarating docu-drama of international competition which pitted the "very strong powder puff" desirability of Rachel McLish, "body-shaper," against the Australian Bev Francis, former weightlifter turned "bodybuilder" whose muscle development stunned the judges and redefined the female form.

The controversy over "shaping" and "building" continues to rage. Recently Ms Olympia, Corinne Everson, claimed: "Most women are turned off by female bodybuilders in their contest shape; they are more interested in toning their muscles than increasing their bulk."

For a man, steroid induced growth appears as an "extension" of his masculinity, while for a woman it seems to be an abnegation of her femininity, and can be physically and psychologically devastating.

Now aged 28, Zoe Warwick came to London seven years ago after a stint in the WRAF,

training for her PTI degree. Once qualified she decided to teach in a gym "specialising in weights because I like changing people's shapes."

This led her into competitive bodybuilding and a scene that was rapidly transforming itself for women, moving from simple entertainment to power pose.

Warwick was hailed as "the coming of the new type," constantly compared to former champion, Carolyn Cheshire, a tall personable competitor with the angle and attitude of a cat-walk model, versus Zoe's five foot two inches and rippling shoulders.

For Zoe, her biceps were there to shock, challenge, intimidate, a retort to the girls who hulked her at school.

Originally from Morecombe, she was sent to a New-castle boarding school at the age of 12, after the death of her parents.

A forlorn, angry teenager inspired by Oga Korhut's stomach muscles, Zoe decided to channel her aggression into weights and become "a force to

be reckoned with."

Years later she was training in London, immersed in complex bodybuilding programmes. "Then I wasn't taking steroids. Only men did that."

Her aim was to become physically streamlined, to exhibit the "ripped" symmetrical look favoured by European judges, where muscle is clearly defined and the skin has to hug paper thin.

Once Warwick achieved this particularly difficult shape, she was propelled to overall British champion and an international class.

## Logic

It was then that the rigours of competition demanded more than a controlled diet. In 1985 she was selected for the prestigious Pro-Am contest in Ohio, and was suddenly up against American bodybuilders whose vogue was for a bigger bulk image known as "cut."

With just six weeks to train, Warwick couldn't face the prospect of walking onstage knowing she would lose.

"I realised I'd be up against women on steroids. I lost my logic and started taking them—anything to take a pot shot at Bev Francis." The contest was a disillusionment. "I was outclassed. The women were huge; girls were dropping steroids backstage, and you could see the injection marks on their backs."

From then on, Zoe felt she had to turn herself into a growing machine in order to compete.

With steroids her muscle fibre reached greater proportions but the side effects were disturbing and debilitating.

"It's alien. You grow thick hair on your body which itches like crazy because it's not natural. I got a square jaw, a deep voice and Adam's apple. And my sexual organs grew six times bigger. It's very uncomfortable."

The predominant emotion is an aggression which cancels out other feeling, slurring and distorting concentration.

"I like music," says Zoe. "Music didn't move me, I went to sleep with anger, woke up with anger—like a drug-induced white rage."

## Change

It was six months before Warwick acknowledged the changes. By then her health was beginning to fail. Steroids masked illness and injury to such an extent that she collapsed onstage during a show, unaware of her own pain and exhaustion.

But it was the psychological effect that led to Zoe's eventual rejection of steroids: when she was being mistaken for a man and felt more comfortable walking into men's toilets. "It's all right being a tomboy



Zoe Warwick: Britain's champion body-builder. Steroids, she claims, ruined her career

through your own choice—but this was alienating me from my own sex."

Steroids have left her with permanent kidney and liver damage, aside from other health complications. Though adamant that "this is no sob story," she is launching an information campaign, particularly for women bodybuilders, encouraging them to think twice before trusting their muscles to chemical hormones.

"I'm not saying ban steroids outright: they'll always be around—but there should be a

system for monitoring it. In the US it's illegal, but you can go to doctors for medical supervision."

Norman Hibbert of the National Amateur Bodybuilders Association (NABBA), is an instructor who takes a different view, campaigning for Sports Council grants to fund compulsory steroid testing and banning in bodybuilding. "Drug taking has gone on for too long and too far. But the worse thing now is that teenagers are taking them before they've reached a proper

physical foundation." Aligning herself to the more "liberal" English Federation of Body Builders (EFBB), Zoe Warwick argues: "No one can help a junkie like an ex-junkie." Charting a way through the barrage of dubious scientific "anabolic nutrition/natural steroids" jargon, she is looking for sound information to be made available. "I only had the idiots in the gym to listen to. I had the top title in the land, took steroids, and blew my career. All I can say to women is, 'd'you wanna be me?'"

By Hugh Davies

UNFORTUNATELY for Barbara Bush, men age better than women. While husband George (one year older at 63) remains a slender boy scout, the mother of his five children seems more matron than mate.

She has to put up with journalists searching for adjectives like honest and tender. One, NBC's Jane Pauley, told her on camera: "Your husband is a man of the Eighties, and you're a woman of the Forties. What do you say to that?"

She held herself in check, just as she did four years ago when she took a dig at Geraldine Ferraro, the Democrat described by George as "a little ass" that he had kicked.

Mrs Bush was equally as acid-tongued, but more circumspect. She said she was unable to articulate the word that best described Mrs F, "but it rhymes with rich."

## Imagery

With American politics so geared to imagery, Mrs Bush is not being trotted out like other wives to stand by her man on podiums, with a far-away Bambi-look in her eyes (a la Nancy Reagan in 1980) or with her chubby hand in his, dancing in the darkened lounge of an airline terminal (a la Kitty Dukakis last month).

In what so far has been a damage-limiting election campaign by the Vice-President, she has stayed at home at such critical times as his no holds barred duel with Senator Bob Dole in New Hampshire. It is said her absence was because it was thought she might harm his chances by either her looks or her sharp tongue.

Even now, Mrs Bush is being kept under wraps as her husband's campaign aides devise a strategy for the autumn election. The contest is sizing up to be one of the closest races in years with the Vice-President, loaded with Iran-Contra baggage and invisible-man troubles, now being cast as the probable underdog, a position

## Image problem for Mrs George Bush

**With American politics so geared to imagery, silver-haired Barbara Bush is being kept under wraps as her husband's campaign aides devise a strategy for the autumn election.**

that could mean a continuing low profile role for his wife. Or could it?

While Kitty Dukakis, her likely rival for the First Lady slot, is cramming as many interviews as possible into her schedule, Mrs Bush is keeping the press at arms length, which seems to be a mistake.

Her staff at the White House say she is giving no interviews and is unlikely to do any more campaigning, at least until the Republican convention in August.

In fact, like her husband, she is at her best when in a corner, with newspapers trying to draw blood. Her spare comments for the public record reveal a lady who is probably better at campaigning than her husband. "I am a very boring interview, you know," she told one reporter.

## Marvellous

A publisher's daughter, she married at 19 and says she is still in love. Their daughter, Robin, died of leukaemia at four. "I couldn't put my right foot in front of my left, but George was really good about sharing the grief."

"After it was over, he was marvellous. He got me laughing again. I know that was terrible to say, but he did. We had a memorial service for the little girl," and George said: "Come on. It's going to be a great wake." And for some reason it made me laugh. I don't know why. And now she's one of the happiest things

in our lives. Really. We realised that we had each other. We realised there are a lot of other people out there who have a lot less than we do, and we had so much."

Of her buxom lifelines, she says: "All your friends say: 'Just because you have white hair, doesn't mean you have to dress like George Bush's grandmother.' But I think I'm reassuring to people out there. I mean, I am not Bo Derek."

She is two years younger than Nancy Reagan and both were at New England's Smith College together, although they never met and even now hardly know each other. Mrs Bush says: "She probably thinks I was there 10 years before she was."

Her style as the wife of the President, she says, would be half-way between the deep public policy involvement of Rosalyn Carter and the private, but intense, influence wielded by Mrs Reagan.

Her history suggests that unlike Kitty Dukakis, who is expected to be a "loose cannon", should she reach the White House, Mrs Bush would settle happily into a background role. Her one priority would be a campaign to reduce illiteracy.

Mrs Bush wishes that the great American public would drop the subject of her hair colour. She admits that she once used dye, but now just washes her hair every day. The



Mr and Mrs Bush in China. She has to put up with journalists searching for adjectives like honest and tender.

stream of well-meaning letters from those who want her to look young make her "mad as the dickens." If she dyed her silver curls "I think America would fall flat on its face from astonishment."

## Influence

She claims her influence on her husband is slight, citing the fact that George is against controls on guns, while she believes the opposite. She refuses to discuss her views on abortion which are also said to conflict with those of the Vice-President, who is against such operations.

## How to succeed in science without a Y chromosome

By Metta Winter

ITHACA, N.Y.: Under the present educational system in the United States it takes 2,000 ninth-grade girls to produce one woman with a doctorate in science or engineering, according to a recent study conducted by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

The statistic is startling when placed in the context of demographic projections for the future production of doctoral-level researchers. According to both the Office of Technology Assessment and the National Science Foundation (NSF), there will be a 38 per cent decrease in US students receiving doctorates in the natural sciences by the year 2000 if present trends continue.

Women represent the largest potential source of people to fill the rapidly growing shortage in scientific and technical personnel expected within the next two decades.

"One of the most important offsetting trends is the rapid increase in the participation of women across all fields of science and engineering," says Sheila Widnall, professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr Widnall is also chairman of the board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Although the percentage of women receiving doctorates in natural sciences and engineering has almost tripled since the early 1970s, the current number of women is still quite small—only 200 per 1,000.

## Goal

According to Widnall, if the number of women could be increased by just a factor of 2.5—more than double but less than triple—the predicted shortfall in scientific and technical expertise could be avoided altogether.

To meet this quite modest goal, efforts need to be concentrated in three areas: mathematical training in the elementary grades, support in making career choices between high school and college, and encouragement of women at the graduate school level.

Cornell University and the NSF held a conference on women in science last month that focussed on the graduate school experience. In her keynote address, Widnall characterised the process of earning a doctorate as an apprenticeship in research. During this time, a student should develop technical expertise and career-related skills needed for a "highly professional, highly autonomous, independent scientific career with the kind of leverage needed to make one's mark in the scientific community."

"It's not just a question of getting the degree but also whether a woman gets the type of background that really prepares her to do research and function in the field," says physicist Barbara Wilson, former chair of the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics of the American Physical Society and technical supervisor in the research area of AT&T Bell Laboratories.

"Cornell faculty were concerned that their graduate students might not be as competitive with students from other universities who might not be as technically knowledgeable, simply because they might not get the training on professional issues," says conference director Alice Newman. A space physicist, she is at Cornell this year through the NSF Visiting Professorships for Women Programme.

All Dr Newman's qualifying "might" are borne out in three recent surveys conducted at Stanford University and at MIT. They show that women graduate students do not experience the support system—the source of professionalising opportunities—in the same way their male counterparts do. To make matters worse, the long-range importance of the skills acquired in the support process is rarely made explicit to women students. Often all they know is that the going is rough.

Financial assistance that offers major responsibility for research projects; access to academic resources; frequency and quality of feedback on research performance; oppor-

tunities to publish, and particularly to be first author on publications; recognition of value and potential as a professional through unbiased evaluation of resumes, proposals, and papers; and retention of status as a student instead of one's gender are among the critical areas in which women graduate students reported a comparative lack of faculty support.

Yet it is appropriate support in these areas that gives a student access to a variety of professional experiences designed to enhance self-confidence, build independence, and acquire and practice the skills that will be crucial later on.

Clearly the system needs to change. But until it does, women students must get from somewhere else the kind of care and support that have traditionally been lavished on men in graduate school. Hence, the coming together of 13 element women scientists from industry, academia, and medicine to give them just that.

Brifful of practical, career-related information, the day-long conference was a good start for the more than 400 women graduate students who attended. "You can't do it all in a day," noted Dr Newman, "but it is important to let women know the topics that will be important to them."

The spirit of the event was perhaps best exemplified by the opening address, "How to Succeed in Science Without a Y-Chromosome," delivered by chemist Ann Briscoe, director of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Biochemistry Laboratory, vice-chairman of the New York City Commission on the Status of Women, and one of the founders of the Association for Women in Science.

"What brought me here," said this distinguished scientist who was born two years before women got the vote, "is a sense of mission. Your country needs you to become its scientists, research workers, teachers of science, and inventors."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I am facing some very serious problems and need to have my question answered. Is compulsive gambling really a disease?

ANSWER: There is a good deal of debate within the medical community over whether compulsive gambling is an actual disease. There is, however, little doubt that compulsive gambling is a growing problem in the United States—a problem that may require treatment for many individuals.

Doctors who treat compulsive gamblers do consider it a disease and believe it is a chronic and progressive illness.

The patient has become obsessed with the urge to gamble, and the urge exceeds the person's control. Eventually, this leads to disruptions in the gambler's life, causing problems on the job, in his or her family, and legal problems.

Once the compulsive gambler runs out of money, he or she may take out illegal loans to continue the self-destructive pattern of actions.

This psychological affliction takes its toll physically, with the person's eating and sleeping patterns becoming erratic. A feeling of helplessness and hopelessness comes

over the gambler, who may suffer acute anxiety attacks, become severely depressed and often turn to alcohol and drugs. Some people use gambling to escape ordinary problems of life. They use it as a way to overcome loneliness and avoid rejection.

Fortunately, compulsive gambling is considered a "treatable" condition, and the treatment has a high success rate. In severe cases, where the gambler may become suicidal, hospitalization is necessary. Treatment focuses on helping the patient stop gambling—all gambling—as well as all other addictive behaviours.

Many gamblers can be treated as outpatients, with psychotherapy. Self-help groups like Gamblers Anonymous are beneficial. It is also very useful for family members to join groups such as Gam-Anon.

QUESTION: I always have been curious to know why I sometimes experience a sharp jerky movement soon after I have fallen asleep.

ANSWER: This type of jerking activity of the muscles of the body is quite common. It occurs when there is simultaneous contraction of all the muscles in the body causing

you to jump and wake up. Physicians used to believe that this was provoked by a primitive reflex that has remained with us from the days of our primitive, tree-dwelling ancestors. The theory states that the reflex prevented an individual from falling from trees once they had gone to sleep.

More recent and perhaps more scientifically acceptable explanations stem from newly gained knowledge about sleep. It is now known that we pass through different stages of sleep during our rest. There are four such stages. The first is the lightest with each successive stage being a deeper sleep. Sometimes as our body goes from stage three to stage four sleep there is a sudden surge of electrical activity from our brain which stimulates all the muscles and makes them contract sharply. This will then cause the jerking sensation that you feel. Not everyone has this experience and, of course, you may not have this happen to you each evening. The most important thing to remember is that this is normal and nothing to be concerned about.

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By Smith



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Iraq-S. Yemen pact signed

BAGHDAD, July 12, (OPEC-NA): A five-year agreement on economic, trade, technical and scientific co-operation between Iraq and South Yemen was finalised here yesterday.

The accord was signed by Iraqi Minister of State Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and South Yemen's Minister of Energy and Minerals Saleh Abu Bakr.

Speaking at the ceremony, Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said the agreement was an expression of the two countries' keenness to further develop bilateral co-operation.

Earlier, the two countries signed an agreement on cultural and information co-operation.

Abu Bakr, who arrived here on Sunday, also held talks with Iraqi Minister of Oil Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi on enhancing co-operation in the energy field.

## Traders focus on excess world crude supplies

# US oil prices plunge to 20-month low

NEW YORK, July 12, (UPI): Oil prices plunged by as much as 68 cents a barrel yesterday despite an OPEC announcement that its pricing committee will meet after a top official visit a key member that has defied the group's production restraint accord.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude for immediate delivery — plummeted 68 cents to \$14.78 a barrel to its lowest level in 20 months.

West Texas Intermediate sank 55 cents to \$15.10 a barrel in spot trading on the US gulf coast, where oil is sold to the highest bidder.

Analysts said traders' focus remained fixed on excess world crude supplies that have driven the average price of a barrel of oil

down by \$2 a barrel over the last several weeks.

The analysts said traders were not encouraged by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' announcement that its five-member pricing committee will meet soon.

The committee, which is empowered to call for an emergency meeting of the full 13-nation organisation, will gather after a visit to the UAE by its new secretary-general, Subroto, the official OPEC news agency said.

OPECNA said in a dispatch from the group's Vienna headquarters that Subroto, who is the former Indonesian oil minister, will visit the UAE "to deliver a message... concerning the current oil market situation to the nation's president."

Late last month the UAE

announced it would boost its daily crude output to 1.5 million barrels a day, far exceeding its 948,000 barrels-a-day production ceiling under OPEC's production agreement.

Twelve of the group's 13 nations agreed at their regular summer meeting in Vienna last month to extend through the end of the year a 15.06 million barrels-a-day limit on their collective production.

"Pending the result of the OPEC secretary-general's visit, a meeting of the price committee will take place," OPECNA said.

Oil market participants, however, were more interested in reports that the organisation's production in June had risen to between 19 million and 19.5 million barrels a day — far in excess of global demand for

OPEC oil, which has ranged from 17.5 million to 18 million barrels a day in recent weeks.

The selling was "fundamental, not technical," said one analyst. "People are discouraged despite the fact they're calling for a pricing committee meeting. The fact is people are looking at OPEC overproduction and they don't like it."

Prices of refined products fell in what analysts labelled profit taking after the large gains over the past two weeks.

On the MERC, unleaded gasoline for August delivery fell 1.04 cents to 52.13 cents a gallon. Gasoline had risen by nearly five cents a gallon last week.

Home-heating oil for August delivery plummeted 2.06 cents to 41.33 cents a gallon.

In London, oil prices slumped

but then recovered slightly yesterday after OPEC said its price watchdog body will meet to consider steps to mop up a glut of oil.

Prices fell by more than 50 cents yesterday when the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) newsletter said an emergency meeting of the OPEC was unlikely.

But prices bounced back by 15 to 20 cents a barrel when the OPEC news agency reported from Vienna that the five-man price monitoring committee — which can call an emergency meeting of OPEC — would meet.

The five ministers will gather after OPEC's new secretary-general, former Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto, visits the UAE to discuss its rejection of its 948,000 barrels a day production quota set by OPEC.

## Japanese trade surplus continued to fall

TOKYO, July 12, (Reuters): Japan's trade surplus with the rest of the world continued to fall in June, dropping to \$5.93 billion from \$6.6 billion a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said today.

The key trade surplus with the United States fell to \$3.63 billion from 4.01 billion a year ago, it said.

The total trade balance in the first six months of this year plunged to a \$33.66 billion surplus from \$40.04 billion in the same period last year.

Tokyo currency dealers said the figures had little effect on the US dollar, because they were within market expectations.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Souseke Uno said Japan will soon set up a government task force to study reforms in its foreign aid plans and programmes.

Uno told reporters the task force, to be headed by chief cabinet minister Keizo Obuchi, will study recommendations by

the Management and Co-ordination Agency.

The government agency proposed a set of recommendations yesterday aimed at improving the effectiveness of the government aid programmes, called the official development assistance.

Uno gave no further details.

Based on its six-month inspection of the aid programmes, the Management Agency suggested, among other things, that Japan map out aid programmes on a country-by-country basis. The development assistance projects have been planned and carried out on a regional basis.

The recommendations also called for simplifying the procedures for small aid projects. Japan surpassed the United States last month as the world's highest aid donor when it announced a two-fold increase in foreign aid to more than \$50 billion over a five-year period ending in calendar year 1992.

## Next US president urged to stress energy conservation

WASHINGTON, July 12, (Reuters): President Reagan's successor should make energy conservation to top priority by imposing a petrol tax and setting new standards for energy efficiency in factories and cars, a private research group said today.

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) said oil imports already accounted for one-third of the US trade deficit and, while continuing to rise, could cost the

United States \$100 billion by the year 2000.

A second independent study group, the Safe Energy Communication Council, also called for a national energy policy based on fuel efficiency.

It said nuclear power could not reduce US reliance on oil, but energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources such as water could save seven times more oil than nuclear power.

The ACEEE, in its proposals, said the United States should try

to cut its energy use by 2.5 per cent a year well into the next century.

To help achieve this, it proposed a fuel tax of 10 cents a gallon annually for three years.

Tax

The ACEEE said the tax would make the price of petrol reflect its real cost to the economy, including the cost of the US fleet in the Gulf protecting oil shipping lanes and the environmental cost of air pollution.

Conservation moves, it said,

would make the nation more competitive globally and reduce its trade deficit.

"West Germany, Italy and Japan use only about half as much energy per unit of industrial output as the United States," the ACEEE said.

Urged

It urged that an international pact be drawn up to reduce energy use as a way to slow a warming of the global climate caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

## Al Ahli Bank to acquire shares

THE Kuwait Al Ahli Bank has been authorised to acquire shares worth KD8.3 million, according to current prices of the bank's shares traded in the local stock market, it was announced yesterday.

The announcement was made by Governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, who said that he gave the approval yesterday to the bank.

## US lacks qualified workers

WASHINGTON, July 12, (UPI): The United States faces a crippling lack of qualified workers to perform increasingly complicated tasks required by a fast-changing, technologically advanced economy, the government said yesterday.

The skills gap hurts America's competitiveness in a global marketplace and costs business billions of dollars in training expenses that otherwise would go to more productive means.

The study, prepared by the Departments of Labour, Commerce and Education, concluded the nation's schools must be strengthened through fundamental education reforms and that businesses and communities must assume greater responsibility to produce a competent workforce.

"If we fail to meet this challenge... we're going to see more and more jobs exported to foreign countries," said James Burge, vice-president of Motorola Inc., at a round table discussion. The conference was held to coincide with release of "building a better workforce."

During the roundtable, representatives of business, labour, academia and government spoke alarmingly of statistics that demonstrate the skills gap of entry-level workers.

Two-thirds of employers consulted for the study said new employees lacked basic skills in writing, mathematics, problem-solving and communication.

More than one million young Americans drop out of high school each year and the dropout rates of many urban schools are close to 50 per cent. Seventy million adults are functionally illiterate or are borderline illiterates.

Assume

Education Secretary William Bennett said minority students, who must assume a growing role in the American workforce, are hit especially hard.

"Too many of today's children, particularly those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, are not getting the education to which they are entitled,"

Hector Barreto, chairman emeritus of the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said he

is concerned over the dropout rate among Hispanics, as high as 75 per cent.

"The Hispanic community is going to hit the job market with no skills," Barreto said. "We're really worried about it."

Creation

And Morton Bahr, president of the Communications Workers of America, spoke about the need of a New York telephone company to screen 90,000 applicants to fill 2,000 entry-level positions.

In order to upgrade the quality of the workforce, the United States must establish rigorous performance standards, strengthen curricula, improve teaching methods, recruit better teachers and improve opportunities for the disadvantaged, the study concluded.

To further study the problem, Labour Secretary Ann McLaughlin announced creation of the commission on workforce quality and labour market efficiency, made up of leading business, labour and academic figures.

The commission will submit a final report in one year.

## World Bank planning raise in loan loss reserves

WASHINGTON, July 12, (AP): Representatives of the 151 member nations of the World Bank, the biggest source of aid to the Third World, are expected to approve an increase to \$500 million of its reserves against possible losses later this month, a Bank official said today.

The Bank has raised provisions for loan losses to \$500 million from \$100 million to cope with small but rising delinquencies on its loans, according to Bank officials.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be named, said the increase had been recommended by Barber Conable, the Bank's president.

The Bank approves loans worth about \$17 billion every year.

Eight countries are more than six months in arrears on their repayments to the Bank, an unprecedentedly large number: Nicaragua, Guyana, Liberia, Syria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Zambia and most recently, Panama.

In the past, the Bank has only put up reserves against prospective losses when a country was two years overdue on its repayments.

## Farm reform plans limit Soviet flexibility in grain talks

VIENNA, July 12, (Reuters): Moscow's top grain buyer said this weekend that Soviet efforts to raise farm output meant it could not oblige the Americans and promise to buy more US grain, stalling major trade talks here.

The biggest importer and biggest exporter of grain ended a third round of negotiations on renewing a grain trade agreement in a stalemate on Friday.

A major difference was on a US call for Moscow to raise the volume of grain which, under the pact, it guarantees to buy.

Trying

"We are trying to increase grain production and give people better food on their tables," said Oleg Klimov, director-general of the Soviet grain-buying agency, Exportkhleb.

"How can we at the same time sign an agreement with the United States to buy more grain than last year?"

It would not be politically feasible, he said. In the new spirit of openness under Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, it would be criticised for flying in the face of proclaimed economic reforms, he said.

The current five-year US-Soviet grain accord expires on September 30. Another meeting is expected before then.

The Soviet side wants a lower

annual purchase commitment than the nine million tonnes called for in the current pact. But the Americans are pushing for a higher minimum to guarantee a market for surpluses output by their farmers.

Analysts believe an accord will be reached but the amounts will be left unchanged so both parties can save face.

Agriculture, long a weak link in the Soviet economy because of unpredictable weather and an inflexible system, is now a priority under Gorbachev reforms.

"The food programme is given absolute priority," Klimov said. "We will improve a lot of roads, build houses and have better social conditions for the farmers, so that they will not move off the land."

Output

Under the new system, farmers can decide which crops to grow. Previously, each farmer's output was set from Moscow in the five-year plan, regardless of terrain and weather.

"We hope the farmers, with a free hand, will produce more," Klimov said. "What they will produce is a question."

A programme using more efficient modern farming methods is being expanded, the co-operative farm system is being revamped, and new wage incentives are now tied to production.

## World Business Summary

### UK bank setting up separate unit to handle Third World debt

LONDON, July 12, (AP): Midland Bank PLC announced today it is setting up a new division to combine its commercial and investment banking operations in developing countries and demonstrate "a greater commitment to debt-equity swaps." The unit will handle debt rescheduling and day-to-day banking operations that previously were part of the bank's international division, as well as asset trading units that were part of Midland Montagu, Midland's investment banking arm. It will also set up its own tax and accounting team to deal solely with the bank's business in developing countries. In a debt-for-equity swap, a bank converts its loans to a country into equity investments in local companies. The bank said the new unit, called the developing countries division, is aimed at reducing Midland's exposure to Third World debt and will include a team to oversee debt-for-equity conversions in industrial companies. It said the division will manage loans totaling about \$7 billion, most of it to Latin America but also some to Africa and the Philippines. Most of Midland's debt swaps have been for investments in Latin American financial groups, mainly in Brazil and Uruguay. Midland also helped set up a debt conversion fund in Chile.

### UN commodity fund wins enough support to begin operations

GENEVA, July 12, (Reuters): A long-dormant United Nations accord aimed at aiding Third World commodity producers has won enough support to begin operating, a UN spokesman said today. Spokesman Graham Shanley of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said ratification of the agreement yesterday by the Indian Ocean Republic of the Maldives meant UNCTAD's Common Fund for Commodities could now come into force. Shanley said UNCTAD Secretary-General Kenneth Daddie would call a meeting of states that have ratified the accord to fix a starting date. The fund, negotiated in 1980, was originally seen as a central pool of finance that could be used to buy commodities on world markets to keep prices stable. But UNCTAD officials have put more emphasis recently on using the fund to finance commodities research and development.

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10	SALOMON	25/0	24/7	ZERO	15/4	15/6

Dow Jones Plus Indices					
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW	
IND	2,104.37	- 6.94	2,113.98	2,104.37	
TRANS	887.10	- 3.73	891.58	886.95	
UTILS	178.76	+ 0.12	179.17	178.64	
STOCKS	786.82	- 2.35	789.96	786.82	
NYSE COMP	152.53	- .49			
S-P COMPOSITE	269.65	- 0.90			
NYSE INDS	184.65	- 0.67			
AMEX INDEX	308.44	- 0.14			
AMEX					

NASD FIN'L	467.19 + 0.13
NASD INDS	410.65 + 0.01
S. & P. 500 INDEX	257.34 + 0.01

*Composite*				
VOLUME		AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
4	UNCH	TEXAS AIR	14 1/8	- 3/8
2	UNCH	APOLLO CP	50 1/8	+ 1/2
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- 1/8	ARLEN CORP	13/32	-	1/32

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## Street Market Report

...of the "junk" stocks added to small losses with futures-  
...of each one of the factors, traders said. Futures premiums  
...risks gained, they added. Trading was slow ahead of Friday's  
...price reports.  
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The Dow Jones 30 industrial index was down eight at 2103 while declining issues took a three-to-two lead over gainers.

Snap-on tools rose 7/8 to 39-3/8 after falling 1-7/8 yesterday. Several law suits were filed against the company by dealers and former dealers.

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## Wall Street stocks fall

## Dollar and gold decline as inflation fears ease

LONDON, July 12, (Reuters): The price of gold fell today as concern about inflation generally receded, dealers said.

But West Germany remained concerned that a strong dollar would boost its inflation rate by pushing up the cost of imports. Its central bank intervened in currency markets again today to cap a dollar rally that began a month ago and the US currency dipped accordingly in Europe.

**Shares**  
Wall Street stocks fell, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 12.09 points to 2,099.22 at midday in New York. London shares also dropped but the Tokyo market edged higher.

Gold was fixed at \$433.80 an ounce in London this afternoon, down \$3 from yesterday's afternoon.

Bullion is a favoured hedge against inflation.

Lower oil prices helped to dampen inflation fears. Texas crude prices are at 20-month lows and Brent Crude oil from the North Sea plunged 70 cents a barrel today to go below \$14 for the first time since mid-March.

But US wheat, corn (maize) and soybean prices rose again. They fell yesterday after week-end rains eased fears that drought in the US Midwest threatens this year's crop and could push food prices up.

As a result, the bullion market remained jittery.

"Although inflation is not

expected to reach 'problem' levels over the next 12 months, we reiterate, that inflationary expectations are rising," said London dealers Kleinwort Gneveson-Sharps Pixley in their latest precious metals monitor publication.

**Driven**  
"It is expectations which have driven gold in the past and will do so in the future," Kleinwort added.

Meanwhile, the dollar shed nearly a penny to close at 1.8370 West German marks. It dipped a third of a yen to 132.60 and slipped to 1.6950 dollars to the British pound sterling.

"The (central bank) intervention has finally worked. The dollar is lower," said a bank treasurer in Frankfurt. West Germany's Bundesbank has intervened to try slowing the dollar's rise every day since the start of July.

**Waiting**  
Other economic analysts were less sure. A narrowing trade deficit and strong economic growth in the United States has boosted the dollar's value by seven per cent in just one month.

Many traders expect the next US trade report containing figures for May due out on Friday will confirm the trend, no matter how aggressively the central banks intervene.

"Everyone is waiting for the trade numbers. People expect the ranges to get narrower as each

day goes by until then," said Tom Benfer, a New York dealer with the Bank of Montreal.

And, although the Belgian Central Bank intervened today, some dealers are unsure how interested central banks besides the Bundesbank are in capping the dollar's rise.

"The amount of money the central banks have thrown at the dollar has been quite pathetic with the exception of the Bundesbank and even it knows intervention can have only a limited effect," said Nigel Green, assistant director of foreign exchange at EBC Amro in London.

Meanwhile, the US dollar fell in Tokyo today after fluctuating due to conflicting remarks on exchange rates by monetary officials, dealers said.

News that Japan's June trade surplus dropped to \$5.93 billion compared to 6.6 billion a year ago had little effect because it was within market expectations, they said.

**Down**  
The dollar closed at 132.70 yen and 1.8340/50 West German marks, down from 133.05/10 yen and 1.8415/25 marks in New York yesterday.

"Trading remained mostly quiet all day and no major movement is expected until the US trade data due on Friday," said a dealer.

The dollar fell on a report by a Japanese financial news service that Bank of Japan Governor

Satoshi Sumita had told other central bankers at a meeting in Basel, Switzerland, that Japan would take appropriate measures to stabilise currencies.

But it quickly rebounded on a report quoting a US official as saying the Group of Seven nations agreed to tolerate a moderate dollar rise, dealers said.

Tokyo shares climbed higher although investors remain wary about long-term investments due to uncertainties over the yen/dollar rate, brokers said. The Nikkei index gained 113.85 points, or 0.41 per cent, to close at 28,099.84.

**Activity**  
"There is a lot of activity in the stock market but the index is not up much, which leads me to believe it is a fast, rotational market," said Amanda Mackinnon, a broker at UBS Phillips and Drew International.

Gold was trading at around \$435.40 an ounce by late afternoon in Tokyo, up from New York's yesterday close of \$434.75.

In other regional share markets, Australian stocks fell back after a seven-day rally, but brokers said the market's performance was better than expected given the weak commodity and gold prices.

The main Australian index was down 3.7 points at 1,625.3. Hong Kong's share market rose.

## Politics may slow down foreign investments

NEW DELHI, July 12, (Reuters): India is hinting it will make it easier for foreign investors to cut through a bureaucratic jungle that deters many from doing business, but diplomats and economists say that Indian politics may slow progress.

"India is starting to worry that it will miss out on the boom that foreign investment has brought to South-East Asia," said Sumittra Chishu, an economist at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University.

**To sway**  
She said the lure of foreign investment, its ability to generate growth and resources without showing up as a liability on the nation's balance sheet, was beginning to sway Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. But it would be a slow process.

A hint that the climate might be easing was dropped when Gandhi visited Japan in April and promised to slash through the red tape which has strangled many past projects.

He repeated the promise in West Germany in June. But already there were signs he was being reined in by socialist critics in his Congress (I) party who

complain he favours big business.

"Gandhi went off to Japan and promised a fast track. But in Germany he was already qualifying it—'within the framework of our existing rules'—that sort of thing," Chishu said.

**Relief**  
In a quest for self-sufficiency, India has long relied on aid or commercial borrowing for its capital needs.

Foreign investment stood at just Rs1,070 million (\$76.4 million) in the financial year ending last March 31, down from Rs1,261 million (\$90 million) a year earlier.

Investment in China for the same period was almost 25 times that.

**Promised**  
Chishu said: "Gandhi wants to be re-elected, and the entrepreneurial class is an important power base. They don't want to be dominated by outsiders, so he can't be seen to move too quickly."

"The changes promised so far are no more than procedural." But in bureaucratic India, where initiatives both foreign

and domestic have been known to drown in paperwork, even procedural changes—if genuine—might be enough to bring the money in.

A West German diplomat in Delhi said small and medium-sized foreign firms looking to set up in India "simply can't afford to spend two, three, four years waiting for approval."

In high technology, products may be outdated even as forms are still being filled out in triplicate.

Keen to hustle along the transfer of technology, Gandhi has pinpointed this field for special attention, even allowing it to wriggle out of a rule setting a 40 per cent limit on foreign equity holdings.

Gandhi's looser stance on that area alone has prompted Westerners to look at India as a potential market for a whole range of sophisticated goods.

**Perspective**  
"There is a new perspective on India from a German point of view. We're no longer seeing it in terms of the old stereotype of rural poverty," the diplomat said. "The Indian domestic market

is highly attractive to any investor, but especially to countries like Japan and West Germany, flush with funds and looking for outlets other than their own highly developed markets," Chishu said.

Japanese joint ventures in India crept up to 111 in 1986-87, just three more than a year earlier.

The strong yen, which made equipment more expensive, sent investment in rupee terms down to Rs 6.15 million (\$0.44 million) from Rs 15.67 million (\$1.1 million) over the same period, Indian figures show.

At the same time, Japan agreed to pour \$210 million into China.

**Inflow**  
While increasing capital inflow direct investment is the proclaimed order of the day, economists say the overtures to Bonn and Tokyo may have been made with an eye to aid.

West Germany gave India a total of \$69.7 million marks (\$261 million) in technical and development aid in 1987/88. Japan doled out 100.616 billion yen (\$745 million), more than any other country.

## ICCO special panel to meet on price dispute

LONDON, July 12, (AP): A special panel set up by the 37-nation International Cocoa Organisation will meet tomorrow to help resolve a dispute between cocoa producers and consumers that is blocking the introduction of new measures to stabilise the world market.

The ICCO is scheduled to hear the panel's findings in September.

The producers' representatives are Denis Henry of Grenada and N'Guegan Kouame, who heads the sales division of the Ivory Coast's State Cocoa Marketing Board.

**Consumers**  
Consumers are represented by Henry Darwin, a British foreign office legal expert, and Josef Kip Per, a West German government expert on commodities.

The panel's first task will be to elect a chairman. ICCO officials said today that the main candidate is Jean-Henri Parotte, the French executive director of the International Wheat Council.

The dispute between producers and consumers arises from differing interpretations of the text of the international cocoa agreement—the treaty permitting the regulation of supplies to stabilise prices within an agreed band.

The consumers say this price range must be cut before further measures can be introduced to support prices, but this is fiercely contested by most producers.

Until the dispute is resolved, the ICCO's second line of price defence—a stock withholding proposal—cannot be introduced. Under the plan, producers would hold back up to 120,000 tons of surplus cocoa from the market, helped by ICCO finance.

The plan also is being blocked by lack of money to implement it, because of non-payment of dues to the ICCO by the Ivory Coast and other producers.

The ICCO's first line of price support—an intervention buying by its buffer stock—was suspended earlier this year, when pur-

chases reached the maximum 250,000 tons permitted.

Cocoa prices have picked up from a six-year low in April, despite the prospect of a big world production surplus this season, estimated at more than 100,000 tons by most experts. This would be the fourth consecutive year of surpluses.

**Shortage**  
Traders say the improvement is due to the Ivory Coast's no-sales policy, which has created a shortage of top-quality beans. The world's biggest producer and exporter, which has been out of the market since the spring, could have stocked as much as 150,000-200,000 tons of cocoa, the sources added.

Although the market has picked up, the average price is still below the bottom of the range of 1,485-2,155 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) \$1.94-2.823 a ton that was being defended before the producer-consumer dispute. SDR is the International Monetary Fund currency.

## Indonesia repays part of foreign debt

JAKARTA, July 12, (OPECNA): By March 31, the end of the Indonesian fiscal year, the country's foreign debt stood at \$38.06 billion, \$12.13 billion of the liability having been already repaid, parliament was told here.

Addressing a session of the parliamentary commission on economic, financial and industrial affairs, Minister of State for National Development Planning Dr Saefi Afif, said that of the National Development Planning Board, the loans were used to develop the country's abundant natural resources.

He also told the commission that the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia (IGGI), the consortium of governments of industrialised countries and international organisations assisting Indonesia's economic development plans, had decided to extend more than \$4 billion in credits this year.

The IGGI assistance for 1988 will comprise \$2.40 billion in special aid and \$1.61 billion in project assistance.

## Saudis to funnel petrodollars to aid Africa

JEDDAH, July 12, (AP): Saudi Arabia is preparing to funnel petrodollars to help refugees in impoverished African countries. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal was quoted as saying yesterday.

The English-language newspaper Arab News quoted Al Faisal as saying the funds would be sent in response to a call by the Organisation of African Unity.

It said the Saudi minister assured an OAU delegation that the kingdom will participate in an international conference on the plight of refugees scheduled to be held in Oslo, Norway, Aug 22-24.

It said that Prince Saud told the delegation that the kingdom will determine at the appropriate time the nature of assistance required for the refugees. The OAU has estimated the number of African refugees at more than one million.

## Imadi meets Amir

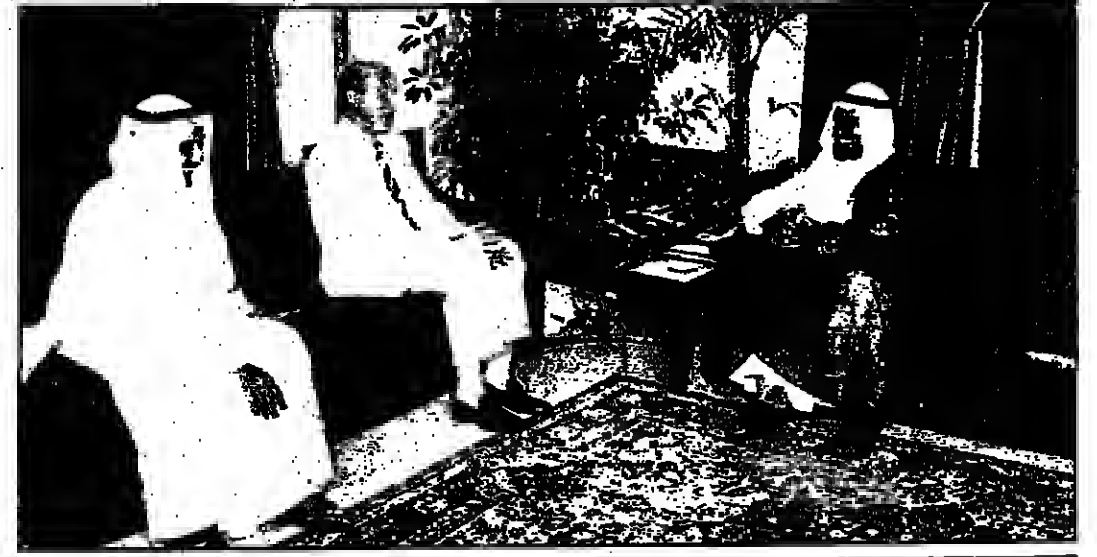
HH the Amir yesterday received visiting Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Dr Mohammed Al Khorafi.

Later Dr Imadi held talks with Kuwait's Finance Minister Jasssem Al Khorafi.

They discussed bilateral ties and ways of promoting co-operation in the fields of economy and finance.

The meeting was attended by a number of senior officials at the Ministry of Finance, Public Investment Authority, Kuwait Airways Corporation and Tourist Enterprises Company.

Dr Imadi also met acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.



## Indonesia sees no need for OPEC meeting

JAKARTA, July 12, (Reuters): Indonesia said today it saw no need for a special meeting of OPEC's five-member pricing committee despite falls in the price of oil.

Indonesian Energy Minister Giandjar Kartasasmita told reporters that contacts between OPEC members were more effective than a meeting of the committee which would only build up market expectations.

**Committee**  
The committee, comprising Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, can call an emergency meeting of the entire Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"I'm not ruling out the possibility of such a meeting if the steps we are taking now do not produce results," Giandjar stated.

The OPEC news agency, OPECNA, said yesterday that the pricing committee would

meet after the group's secretary-general, former Indonesian Energy Minister Suharto, visits the UAE shortly.

Giandjar said he was not aware of any official proposal for a price committee meeting, despite spot prices trading around three to four dollars below OPEC's reference of \$18 a barrel.

The UAE has publicly rejected its quota, renewed at OPEC's full meeting in Vienna last month.

Giandjar said he believed it was more useful to make direct contacts between members, and the organisation's president and secretary-general.

"This I think is more effective than a meeting of the five country pricing committee, which would only build up expectations, because if those expectations were not fulfilled it would be troublesome for us," he said.

He repeated his earlier position that it was not worth holding a meeting of the pricing committee unless members were convinced it could come up with concrete

results.

Giandjar plans to hold talks with Saudi Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Hisham M. Nazer when he visits the Kingdom later this week for the performance of hajj.

Giandjar is scheduled to leave here Saturday for Saudi Arabia for a 10-day stay.

In a statement, Giandjar said he would like to discuss recent price-related developments on the world oil market with his Saudi colleague.

**Steps**  
He stressed that OPEC should take "appropriate steps as soon as possible" to cope with the current downward trend in oil prices.

He also reiterated a call to all OPEC members to abide by their respective oil output ceilings and the \$18 per barrel price.

Meanwhile, Indonesian President Suharto has called on Saudi Arabia to continue to help preserve the unity and solidarity of OPEC.

Only through unity could OPEC achieve its objectives, especially in its efforts to bring about stable and favourable crude prices, he said.

While receiving the credentials of the new Saudi Arabian ambassador to Indonesia, Tal'at Amin Hamdi, at the weekend, Suharto stressed that sound and stable oil prices were important for Indonesia as a source of income and foreign exchange.

The President noted that under OPEC's oil output agreement Saudi Arabia and Indonesia were producing below their capacities.

**Confident**  
Saudi Arabia is currently producing less than half its potential, while Indonesian output is only 1.12 million b/d against its capacity of 1.60 million b/d.

Suharto was confident that the two countries would further strengthen their traditional friendship and co-operation.

## US Senate urged to join protection pact

WASHINGTON, July 12, (AP): President Ronald Reagan's administration urged senators yesterday to approve US participation in an international accord it said would save part of the \$2 billion annual loss from pirating of films and recordings.

Eugene McAllister, assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, said it is time for the United States to join the Berne Convention for the protection of literary and artistic works, which first was drawn up in 1886.

**Revolution**  
"Today we are experiencing a technological revolution involving such innovations as computers, communications satellites, optical discs and many more," he said.

"Many international copyright experts here and abroad believe that the Berne Convention is a comprehensive and dynamic instrument which meets the challenges brought on by the new technologies."

Other witnesses before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said it would cost the United States only \$265,000 a year to join the Berne Convention. The exact amount that

would be saved has not been determined.

McAllister added that it would protect US copyrights in 79 countries, 24 of which do not belong to the universal copyright convention. The United States is already a member of that accord.

Ralph Oman, the US register of copyrights, drew attention to two of the 24: Turkey and Egypt. He said US officials had recently visited them in an attempt to stop the pirating of US-owned rights but were told that it would be hard for their governments to crack down because of domestic pressures.

Egyptian and Turkish officials pointed out that since the United States does not belong to the Berne Convention, US rights are not legally protected in their countries and vice versa, he said.

Other countries on the list of 24 are mainly African, including South Africa, Romania, Thailand and Uruguay also are among them.

Oman said the list covers "minor markets but major pirates." He did not further identify any of the pirating countries.

He noted the spread of US popular culture all over the world.

## Non-payment of dues by US threatens existence of FAO

BANGKOK, July 12, (UPI): The head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) yesterday said US failure to pay its assessed contributions threatened the existence of the organisation.

"The FAO runs the real risk of suffocating from lack of oxygen to keep its programmes alive," FAO director general Edouard Saouma said at the opening of the organisation's 19th regional conference for Asia and the Pacific.

**Crisis**  
Saouma said the FAO's cash flow crisis was "due to shortfall in the payment of contributions, particularly by the major contributor."

The United States is the main contributor to the FAO but has demanded reforms be made in the organisation before it pays its contributions. The organisation has said it would implement the reforms but Washington has yet to be satisfied enough to release the funds.

Saouma said \$45 million had been "lopped off" the FAO budget in the last two years and that 1989 "is going to be an even harder year."

The US embassy in Bangkok said financial relief may be in sight.

"The United States is in arrears to FAO as are a good number of other FAO member countries," the spokesman said.

"This is a problem that is being worked on in Washington and we hope to be releasing substantial funds shortly," he said.

Saouma said his organisation had completely re-worked its programme of work and budget, had discarded non-essentials, and was managing with less money.

**Trimming**  
"There can no longer be talk of trimming the fat," Saouma said. "We have had to cut right down to the bone."

"If we go any further, we may well paralysed FAO and depress staff morale beyond the point of no return," he said.

Meanwhile, in Rome, FAO

said yesterday the North America drought puts world cereal stocks at risk and could cause Third World food shortages.

A July food outlook report by the Rome-based UN agency said that, even if weather is normal for the rest of the season, US yields would still fall close to low levels seen in 1983.

**Worsen**  
If drought persists, more heavy losses are likely.

World cereal stocks this year are projected to fall to about 310 million tonnes, or 17 per cent of global food consumption.

That is the minimum which the FAO thinks is needed to ensure world food security.

But if conditions in North America continued to worsen or if bad weather hits other areas, the ratio of stocks to consumption for 1989-90 could fall further, the FAO said.

It said much of the Third World depended on cereal imports.

"Given the continuing balance

of payments problems of many low-income, food-deficit countries, rising export prices for wheat and coarse grains would make it increasingly difficult to maintain their imports of grain," it declared.

The FAO said coarse grains—maize, barley and oats—were hit hardest. But oilseeds and soybeans had also suffered.

The FAO said lower North American production could be partly offset by good wheat and coarse grain crops elsewhere.

Asia's monsoon began on time. Cereal output in Europe and the Soviet Union was expected to be larger than last year.

**Favourable**  
In Africa, crop prospects north of the equator were mostly favourable. But locusts could eat as much as one million tonnes in Saharan countries.

Several countries in southern Africa had higher harvests than last year, and Australia expected good wheat and coarse grain output. But South American output was expected to be down.

## Sudan and Jordan main beneficiaries of Arab investments

ARAB investments in Sudan increased by 152 per cent to reach \$41.80 million last year over 1986, according to the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation.

The corporation's 1987 annual report said Jordan ranked second with investments rising to \$41.70 million, compared with a year earlier.

The report attributed the increase to the Jordanian government's new measure to encourage Arab investment in the country.

The report added that private investors from the six member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) invested \$14.80 million or more than 50 per cent of total Arab investment in 1987.

The report said that Arab investments last year decreased by 37 per cent or \$227.60 million in the Arab world against the 1986 level.

These investments, the report said, went to finance projects in agriculture, animal resources and fisheries (\$569.40 million),

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 12, (Reuters): The share market failed to sustain its seven-day rally, closing weaker amid softer base metal and bullion prices. The All-Ordinaries closed down 3.7 at 1,625.3.

**TOKYO:** Share prices closed higher due to buying concentrated on large capital shares with interest seeping into lagged centres. The Nikkei index gained 113.85 to 28,099.84.

**HONG KONG:** Prices picked up in the afternoon as operators began to set their sights on the Hang Seng index 3,000 barrier. The index rose 12.93 to 2,772.53.

**SINGAPORE:** Prices forged ahead in the afternoon to close moderately higher on bargain hunting and short-covering. The Straits Times industrial index rose 11.26 to 1,107.06.

**BOMBAY:** Shares gained ground on speculative and institutional support bolstered by Finance Minister S B Chavan's announcement the government was examining a proposal to exempt dividend income from

tax. **FRANKFURT:** Shares fell about one per cent in thin trading, depressed by profit-taking and uncertainty ahead of US trade data on Friday. The Dax 30-share index, calculated once a minute during the session, dropped 11.74 to 1,184.85.

**ZURICH:** Prices closed slightly lower in fairly moderate trading on profit-taking. The All-Share Swiss index was 5.7 points lower at 889.9.

**PARIS:** Prices ended off their lows in quiet trade with only the shares of luxury goods group LVMH generating much trading interest. The 50-share Bourse Indicator ended 0.77 down from Monday's close.

**LONDON:** Shares remained mostly lower in light volume with special situations stirring the only intra-day. A downward push on Wall Street left the FTSE 100 index 7.8 points lower at 869 at 1447 GMT.

**NEW YORK:** Stocks turned lower with buyers absent ahead of the US trade data on Friday.

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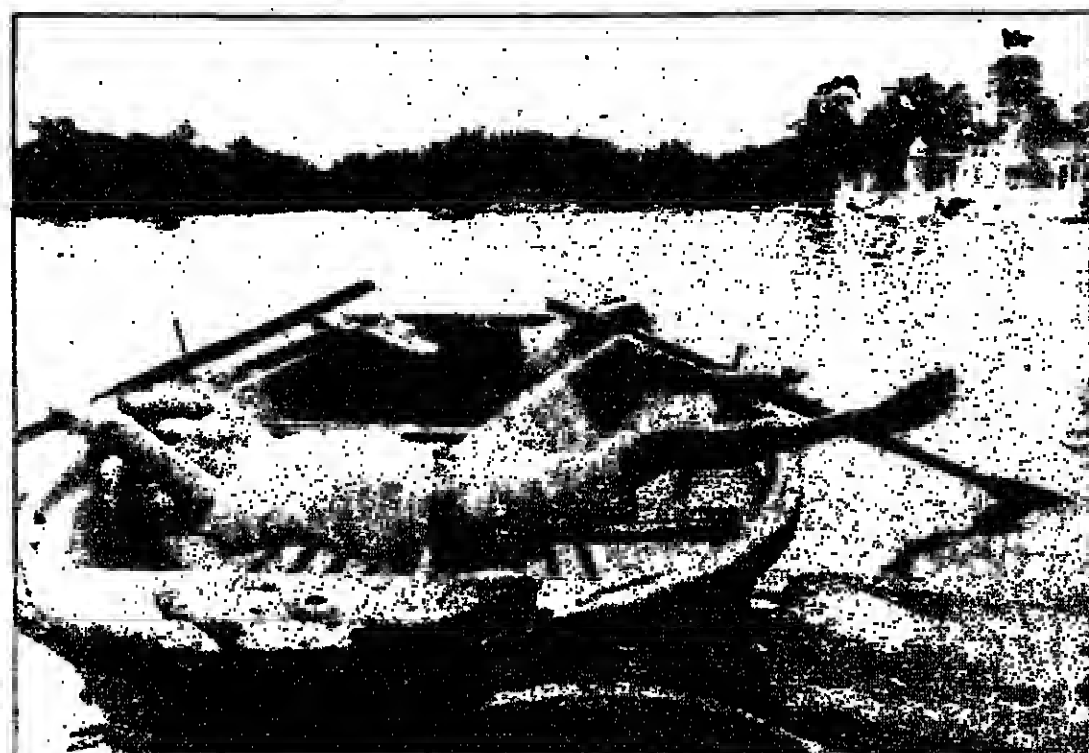




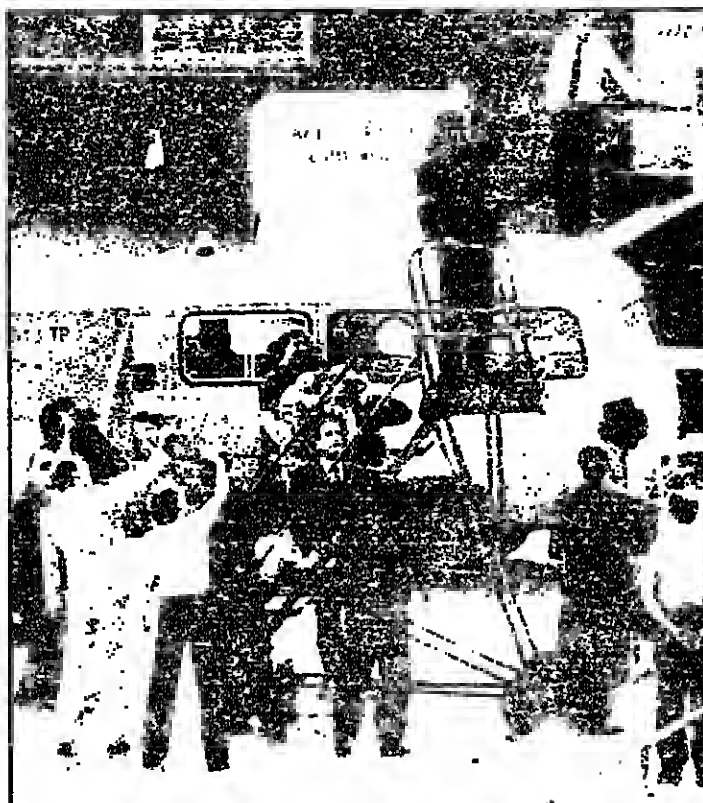
A VILLAGE family leaves their flooded home on a raft in northern Bangladesh town of Netrokona. (Reuter wirephoto)



CREW from a rescue ship use hoses to try and put out fire on board the City of Poros after it was attacked by gunmen in Piraeus, Greece. Eleven tourists were killed and over 90 wounded in the attack. (Reuter wirephoto)



WITH temperatures soaring, these two visitors to Madrid's Retiro Park found the ideal way to pass the afternoon as they rented a boat, moored it in the shade, and took a nap. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN pop superstar Michael Jackson waves from the elevated position of a set of airport steps to fans who welcomed him at London's Heathrow Airport. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONE of the passengers aboard the City of Poros ferry is aided by an ambulance attendant as she gets off another ferry that brought her to shore. (Reuter wirephoto)



MASSIMILIANO FACHINI, (left) talks to reporters watched by Sergio Picciolucco after the two were sentenced to life imprisonment with two others on charges of multiple homicide resulting from their involvement in the bombing in August 1980 of Bologna railway station in which 85 people were killed. (Reuter wirephoto)



PLACIDO DOMINGO and Linda Ronstadt rehearse a duet for the First New York International Festival of Arts in New York. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDEPENDENT Students Union stages protests in central Warsaw during Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit. Banners say: 'We demand the removal of Soviet troops from Poland' and 'Sovereignty for all nationalities in the Soviet Union.' (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Michael Dukakis yesterday announced Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen as his vice-presidential running mate. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush lishes from his boat Fidelity off the coast of Kennebunkport, Maine. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SUPPORTER of the National Liberation Army of Iran shouts 'death to Khomeini' at a demonstration on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. About 200 Iranian Canadians demonstrated to show support for the Iranian resistance movement. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, Chief of the General Staff of the USSR, speaking at a press conference at the Pentagon. (Reuter wirephoto)



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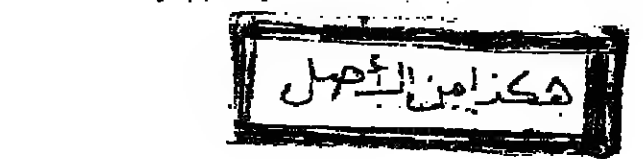
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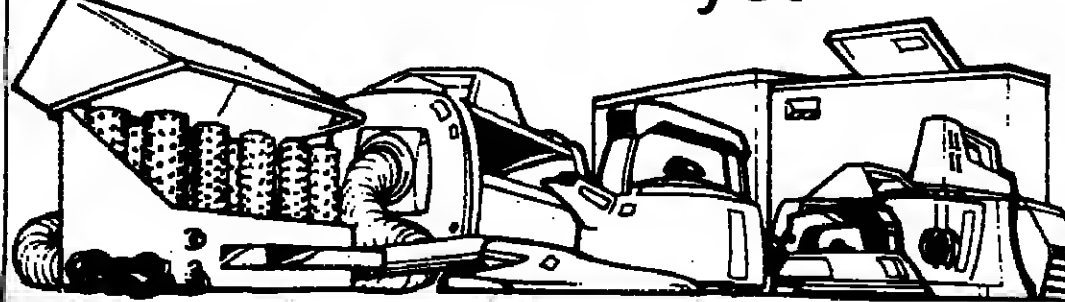
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## JACKLIN APPRAISES FIELD FOR TOP GOLF TOURNAMENT

## European trio tipped to win British Open

BASTAD, Sweden, July 12, (AP): Singles action in the Swedish Open started yesterday with no seeds in action, as well as without Stefan Edberg and Sweden's other four top-ranked tennis players, who turned down a chance to play in the \$245,000 tournament.

Edberg, who captured his first Wimbledon title earlier this month, decided to play doubles only in the Swedish Open. A singles finalist against fellow Swede Joakim Nyström last year, Edberg will team with Niclas Kroon of Sweden.

Mats Wilander, winner earlier this year of the Australian and French Opens and the Lipton International Players Championships, said he didn't want to spend two weeks at this west coast resort. But he'll be here on July 22-24 when defending champion Sweden takes on France in the Davis Cup semifinals.

Kent Carlsson, Sweden's best clay court player behind Wilander, Jonas Svensson and Anders Jarryd also skipped the clay-court tournament.

**Ahead**  
That left Nyström as the top seed in the 48-man singles draw ahead of fellow Swedes Magnus Gustafsson, who reached the fourth round in Paris, and Jan Gunnarsson. All 16 seeded players received first-round byes.

In yesterday's opening matches, three Swedes and two Italians were among the winners. Junior Lars Jonsson beat Johan Sandberg 6-3, 6-4. Niklas Kulti beat 1984 champion Henrik Sundström 7-5, 6-0 in all-Swedish matches and Peter Svensson, another Swede, advanced with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Czech Branislav Stanekovic.

Francesco Cancellotti and Paolo Cane, both Italians, also won in straight sets. Cancellotti defeated Patrik Wennerberg 6-2, 6-2 and Cane eliminated Tom Nijssen of Holland 6-3, 6-3. Cancellotti will play Gustafsson next.

## Cash withdraws from Australian Olympic team

MELBOURNE, July 12, (Reuters): Pat Cash announced today he would not be available to play tennis for Australia at the Seoul Olympics because of family and tournament commitments.

Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion, was named last December in Australia's four-man team along with Peter Dohan, John Fitzgerald and Wally Masur.

**Doubles**  
Davis Cup captain Neale Fraser, who will manage the Olympic tennis team, said Masur and Fitzgerald would play singles while Fitzgerald would team up with newcomer Darren Cahill in the doubles.

The women's team remains Anne Minter, Liz Smylie and Wendy Turnbull. Hana Mandlikova, who became an Australian citizen on January 1, is ineligible for the team.

The Olympics take place from September 17 to October 2. The tennis events last from September 20 to October 1.

## Matsuoka stuns Steeb in Nabisco GP

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 12, (AP): Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan defeated West Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb 6-4, 6-2 in first-round play yesterday at the \$300,000 men's Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament in Stuttgart.

Also yesterday, Damiir Keretic defeated fellow West German Alexander Mronz 7-5, 6-4, while Tore Meinecke of West Germany lost to Chile's Sergio Cortez 3-6, 3-6.

Miroslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, who plays today, is the tournament's top-seed player.

Mecir made it to the semifinals of this year's Wimbledon tournament, but was defeated by Stefan Edberg, who went on to win the tournament.

## Garrison and Reggi triumph

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 12, (AP): First-seed Zina Garrison defeated Caroline Van Renterghem 6-3, 6-4 yesterday, the first day of play at the Belgian Ladies Open.

In other first-round matches, third-seed Raffaella Reggi of Italy beat Veronika Martinek of West Germany 6-1, 6-0; Celine Cohen of Switzerland beat Andrea Vieira of Brazil 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; Pat Medrado of Brazil beat Simone Schilder of Holland 6-1, 6-3; and Olga Tsaropoulou of Greece downed Barbara Romano of Italy 4-6, 6-3.

LYTHAM ST ANNES, England, July 12, (Reuters): The British Open golf championship, for so long the preserve of American professionals, is likely to escape their clutches again this year.

Not since Tom Watson won for the fifth time at Royal Birkdale in 1983 — the 12th success in 14 Opens for the US contingent — has an American lifted the silver claret jug which goes to the champion.

Instead, the venerable old trophy has passed through the hands of Britain's Sandy Lyle, Spaniard Seve Ballesteros, Greg Norman of Australia and, last year at Muirfield, Briton Nick Faldo.

Though Norman is absent, the victim of a wrist injury sustained during the US Open last month, Lyle, Ballesteros and Faldo are on the inside track in the title chase which begins on Thursday over the 6,857-yard Royal Lytham course on the north-west coast of England.

Right behind them are three more Europeans with strong credentials, Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Welshman Ian Woosnam and the new hope of the European circuit, Englishman Barry Lane.

Tony Jacklin, the winner at Lytham in 1969 and the captain and mastermind of Europe's last two Ryder Cup victories over the United States, was categorical in his appraisal of the field today.

"I cannot see beyond a European winner. I cannot see an American winning. I don't think



Faldo (left) and Ballesteros: two of the golfers favoured to take the title

they are as good as we are now," he said. "A European will win because we're better."

He did, however, concede that US Open champion Curtis Strange, who beat Faldo in a playoff for that title last month, "is in form and certainly one of the top three in the world."

"But I think the conditions here this week favour a European victory," Jacklin said.

Lyle, the big Scot who is joint favourite with Ballesteros, has been in formidable form this

year. Spending much of his time on the US tour, he won the Phoenix Open in a play-off with Fred Couples then in successive weeks in April captured the Greater Greensboro Open and, with a magnificent bunker shot at the final hole, the US Masters title at Augusta, Georgia.

He leads the American money list with winnings of \$617,334. When Lyle returned home from the US Masters he won the British Masters last month



before finishing joint second in the Scottish Open last Saturday.

Though he missed the cut three weeks ago at the French Open, he feels his swing — particularly on his trusty one iron — is in good shape.

"The main thing here will be getting safely off the tee and avoiding the bunkers. That's why I've been working with my driver and my one iron," he said.

Ballesteros is too talented to go much longer without adding a major victory to the four he

already has — the Open in 1979 when it was last held at Lytham and in 1984 at St Andrews, the US Masters in 1980 and 1983. He has won twice this year.

Faldo, the holder after his remarkable final round of 18 successive pars last year, accepted defeat at the US Open last month like a champion.

There was no moping, just a thorough analysis of what went wrong and a resurrection of his putting form in time to win the French Open the following week.

Langer has had back trouble and putting problems lately. Jacklin played with him yesterday.

"You never know with Bernhard," he said. "He fluffs about with different clubs, always looking for an edge. He's like Arnold Palmer who'd shoot a 63 and then go out with a different set of clubs the next day thinking he should shoot a 61."

"Bernhard's determination and desire are incredible."

Woosnam, the world's top golfer in 1978, played solidly in Scotland last week on his return from an arm injury.

Lane looks certain to take his place among the star players. A superb player in the wind — a vital consideration here — he also hits a one-iron even further than Lyle.

**Solid**

Besides Strange and Watson, the US delegation includes three-times champion Jack Nicklaus, Chip Beck, Lanny Wadkins and Ben Crenshaw, second, fourth and fifth on the US money list, and Paul Azinger, narrowly beaten by Faldo last year.

There is a host of solid US contenders right behind them. But perhaps the dark horse is a US tour regular who is not American.

South African David Frost has been second eight times in US tour events over the past three years, including three in 1988.

"He's playing too well not to have won. It could happen anytime," Watson said yesterday.

## Potter holds on to edge Nagelsen

NEWPORT, R.I., July 12, (Reuters): Third-seeded Barbara Potter continued the quick-changing ways that brought her headlines at Wimbledon and came away with a satisfying win at the \$200,000 Newport international tournament yesterday.

Potter, who attracted considerable attention for changing her shirt on court during the championships at the All-England club, beat fellow-American Betsy Nagelsen 7-6(7-5) in her opening match on the Newport casino's grass courts.

**Advanced**  
Among other seeds, number four Ros Fairbank of South Africa, fifth-seeded American Robin White and sixth seed Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico all advanced in straight sets.

Top seed and defending champion Pam Shriver was to play her first match today against fellow-American Terry Phelps. Shriver's defence was made easier when Chris Evert pulled out of the tournament last Friday citing continuing foot problems.

During her match with Nagelsen, the left-handed Potter said

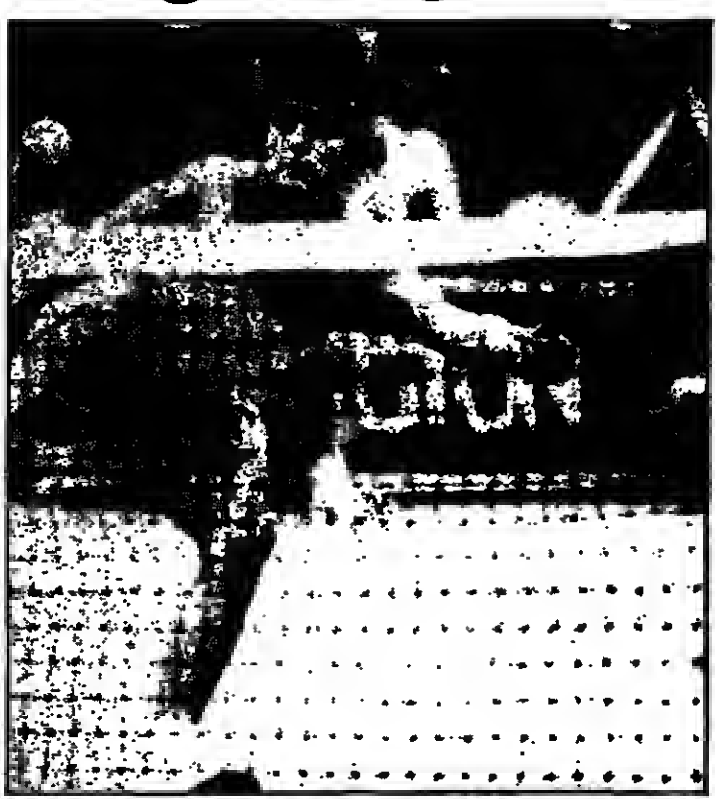
she had as much trouble finding time to change her shirt as she did recovering from a second set deficit of 1-5.

"The umpire kept calling time every time I went behind the curtain to change it (my shirt). Maybe it was good that I had to keep trying to dodge behind the curtain because it gave me something to think about when my serve went off in the second set," Potter said.

Potter, ranked 16th in the world, clicked back into form to win the last six games for the match. The opening set advanced on serve to a tiebreak, which Potter won 7-4.

Nagelsen broke Potter for the second time in the match in the sixth game on two volleying errors but dropped her serve in the seventh and ninth games as Potter successfully chipped service returns at Nagelsen's feet.

The other seeds had easier times. Fairbank eliminated American Anne Smith 6-4, 6-2, while White served-and-volleyed past Peruvian Pilar Vasquez 6-3, 6-3. Gigi Fernandez easily defeated her cousin Anna Maria Fernandez of the US 6-2, 6-3.



Potter: was 1-5 down in the 2nd set

## NFL players lose free agency bid

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12, (Reuters): A bid to gain unrestricted free agency for 284 players in the National Football League (NFL) was denied in a court decision yesterday.

The NFL Players Association had sought an injunction to grant the players freedom to sign with any club on grounds that no collective bargaining pact existed between the owners and players when the players' contracts expired in February.

Free agency was the key issue in negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement before

the 1987 season. No agreement was reached and the players went on a 24-day strike before returning to finish the season without a new agreement.

**Settled**

In denying the injunction, Judge David Doty said the dispute should be settled at the bargaining table.

The court finds that the potential migration of many key players from less attractive clubs to more desirable clubs could have a devastating long-term impact on the competitive

balance in the league," Judge Doty said.

"The danger that destruction of the competitive balance could ultimately lead to diminished spectator interest and franchise failures... constitutes a sufficient basis for denying the requested injunction."

Among players affected were Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham, receivers Mark Duper (Miami Dolphins), Willie Gault (Chicago Bears) and Mark Bavaro (New York Giants) and Giants linebacker Carl Banks.

## Rugby Test

TOWNSVILLE, Australia, July 12, (Reuters): All Black centre Warwick Taylor will miss the second rugby union Test against Australia in Brisbane on Saturday because of a broken right hand.

Taylor withdrew from tomorrow's game against Queensland B here after an X-ray showed the injury, which caused him to miss the first Test, had not completely healed.

John Schuster, who made his debut in Taylor's place in the first Test which New Zealand won 32-7, is expected to stay in the side although he has to overcome a minor leg strain.

## Haider speeds to victory in New Zealand Rally

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 12, (Reuters): Austrian Joseph Haider, driving an Opel Kadett GSI, scored his first World Championship victory when he won the New Zealand Motor Rally today.

New Zealanders Ray Wilson, in a Mazda 323, and Malcolm Stewart, in an Audi Quattro Coupe, were second and third.

The rally — the eighth round of the 12-event World Championship — counted only towards the drivers' standings which are still led by Italian Lancia drivers Massimo Biasion and Alessandro Fiorio with 80 points and 57 respectively.

With no points being awarded towards the manufacturers' championship, leaders Lancia, already assured of finishing first overall, were not taking part here.

**Started**  
Haider, who moved up to eighth in the world standings with his victory, started the fourth and final leg with a lead over Wilson of 17 minutes 56 seconds. He put on a further 41 seconds to win by 18 minutes 37 seconds.

Competing for the first time this year as part of the Opel World Championship programme, he was not content to see his lead challenged and set the fastest times on the last four stages.

He said of the 2,000 km rally through the central north island: "The roads were fast and smooth, which really suited me."

Wilson started the day determined to attack Haider's lead and took fastest time on four of the early stages. But when he failed to make any appreciable impression on the leader he settled back into a steady pace to ensure he would gain a coveted A-priority seeding in his Mazda

4WD Turbo.

The other A-priority seeding went to Stewart who exceeded expectations by finishing third.

The rally ended with a surprise for both drivers and officials — a welcome from Prime Minister David Lange, a motor sports enthusiast.

He turned up at the finish only hours after he left hospital after a 10-day stay for heart treatment.

**Top 10 final placings (New Zealanders unless stated):** 1. Joseph Haider (Austria), Opel Kadett GSI seven hours 38 minutes 39 seconds; 2. Ray Wilson, Mazda 323 7-57:16; 3. Malcolm Stewart, Audi Quattro Coupe 8:02:25; 4. David Officer (Australia), Mitsubishi Starion 8:04:20; 5. Ross Meckings, Toyota Corolla 8:05:06; 6. Marty Roestenburg, Toyota Starlet 8:21:02; 7. Joe McAndrew, Toyota Starlet 8:29:18; 8. Tetsuo Sano (Japan), Toyota Celica 8:29:54; 9. David Strong, Daihatsu Charade 8:38:08; 10. Murray Walker, Suzuki Swift 8:38:33.

**Overall drivers' standings:** 1. Massimo Biasion (Italy) Lancia Delta Intergale 80; 2. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta Intergale 57; 3. Markku Alen (Finland) Lancia Delta Intergale 36; 4. Bruno Saby (France) Lancia Delta Intergale 32; 5. Yves Loubet (France) Lancia Delta Intergale 27; 6. Stig Blomqvist (Sweden) Ford Sierra Cosworth 23; 7. Didier Auriol (France) Ford Sierra Cosworth 20; 8. Joseph Haider (Austria) Opel Kadett GSI 20; 9. Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Toyota Celica 2000 GT Four 16; 10. Mike Kirkland (Kenya) Nissan 200 SX 15; 11. Mikael Ericsson (Sweden) Lancia Delta Intergale 15; Ray Wilson (New Zealand) Mazda 323 4WD 15.

## Tyson wants to manage his own career

NEW YORK, July 12, (UPI): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, embroiled in a legal battle to drop manager Bill Cayton, yesterday said he wants to manage his own career and will set up a board to advise him on boxing and business affairs.

Tyson already has enlisted billionaire real-estate developer Donald Trump as an adviser. Trump joined the board of Mike Tyson Enterprises, a corporation set up by Tyson, his wife Robin Givens, mother-in-law Ruth Roper and attorney Michael Winston.

Trump, Givens, Roper and Winston flanked the 22-year-old champion yesterday at Trump's Plaza Hotel in Manhattan.

**Knocked**  
"I called this press conference to set the record straight," said Tyson, who knocked out Michael Spinks in 91 seconds on June 27. "I love my family, they're with me to the end. But I call all the shots. My wife didn't file suit against Bill Cayton, I did. I want to manage my career my own self."

Tyson filed suit against Cayton in New York Supreme Court the day of the Spinks fight, seeking to break his managerial contract and deny Cayton his one-third cut of the champion's \$21 million purse.



Roper (left) with Trump before the press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cayton insists he will remain Tyson's manager through the rest of the contract, which he says runs until 1992. There was to be a hearing today on a restraining order Tyson requested to prevent Cayton from acting as his manager or receiving money from the

Spinks fight.

"I think the courts will find my contracts are fully enforceable and I intend to enforce them," Cayton said from his New York office. "We're going to be in a lawsuit next Tuesday. I would rather not comment, because I

have been advised not to say anything. I will hold anything I have to say until after the lawsuit."

Trump has been involved in Tyson's career for nearly two years. His Atlantic City, N.J. casino has staged four of Tyson's fights, and Trump paid \$11 million to hold the Tyson-Spinks fight. Trump said he will not insist Tyson fight at his casino.

"I don't care where he fights," Trump said. "Whether it's with us or Las Vegas. I'm a friend and an adviser. Mike will call his own shots."

Trump said he will work for a fee in be donated in charity.

Tyson is 35-0 with 31 knockouts. After beating Spinks fight he said he might not fight again, but apparently he has decided to resume his career.

"I wouldn't say I'm retired, he said. "I love to fight. But this (retirement) is something I have to consider."

Tyson said he was "not sure," if he would fight Frank Bruno in England on Sept 3 as scheduled. Winston said Tyson is interviewing candidates to serve on the board of Mike Tyson Enterprises, but only Trump has been asked to join. Tyson said no decision has been made on Jose Torres, the former light-heavyweight champ who is writing Tyson's biography and repor-

tedly would be asked to become part of the managerial team.

Tyson said Cayton was "totally out of the picture." He did not rule out Don King promoting his fights but said he would not become part of his team. King has promoted all of Tyson's championship bouts but has no contract with the fighter.

"Don King is just a promoter," Tyson said. "We're dealing with the highest bidder."

Tyson said Kevin Rooney remains his trainer, but he is angry never remarks Rooney made supporting Cayton.

"I'm going to talk to him about it," Tyson said. "Anybody who goes against me can't be associated with me."

**Contract**

Winston and Trump said they were unhappy with Cayton because Tyson had no legal counsel when he signed a contract with Cayton and Jim Jacobs in February. Jacobs, who was close to Tyson, died in March, leaving Cayton the manager.

"I don't like the agreement I have with Bill Cayton," Tyson said. "And I don't like the attitude he has toward me and my family. He wants all the power. He wants control of everything. He never takes a punch and he never sweated a day in his life."



## Coe to retire after Games

DUBLIN, July 12, (Reuters): Double Olympic 1,500 metres champion Sebastian Coe said yesterday that he planned to retire shortly after the Seoul Olympics.

The 31-year-old Briton, in Dublin to compete in a meeting this evening, said: "What keeps me going is the incentive of winning the Olympic 1,500 metres gold medal for the third successive time. If I hadn't got that goal I might have retired by now."

"I have British Sports Council commitments to look after. I also have business interests which I intend to give more attention to."

## Gooden to start for NL against AL

CINCINNATI, July 12, (AP): Infused with 30 fresh faces, this year's All-Star game will be a test of whose new blood is best.

Never have there been so many newcomers — 18 on the National League side, including starters Vince Coleman, Will Clark and Bobby Bonilla.

Starting pitcher Frank Viola is among 12 first-timers for the American League. Combined, more than half of the 56 players are making their first appearance.

"I kind of feel like the old man of the team," said rightfielder Darryl Strawberry, who at 26 was making his fifth All-Star start today. "There are so many new faces that it just doesn't seem like the same NL All-Star team anymore. It's good to have some new blood."

**Start**

Dwight Gooden, Strawberry's teammate on the New York Mets, was to start for the NL. It's his fourth All-Star game, but this represents a new start.

"I want to put aside the distractions of the past," said Gooden, who missed the first two months of the 1987 season because of cocaine rehabilitation.

"It seems like when I came back last year, my confidence wasn't quite there," Gooden said. "Also, when I'd go to a movie or the mall, I didn't know if people were staring at me because I was a baseball player or because of the problems I'd had."

"For the first two months, when the temptation (for cocaine) would come around, I'd just think about all the people I'd hurt," he said. "It just takes over. You're not abusing the drug, you're abusing yourself."

Gooden, 11-5, lost his last start on Friday night. This time, his support will include such familiar faces as Strawberry and Gary Carter of the Mets, Andre Dawson of the Cubs and Ozzie Smith of the Cardinals.

Viola, 14-2, won his previous start on July 6. Instead of the Minnesota Twins, Viola will be surrounded by the likes of Rickey Henderson and Dave Winfield of the New York Yankees and Wade Boggs of Boston.

Both managers announced the batting orders yesterday. Vince Coleman of St. Louis will lead off for the National League and play left field. Second baseman Ryne Sandberg of Chicago will bat second, followed by Dawson in centre field. Strawberry will play right and bat fourth, followed over by third baseman Bobby Bonilla of Pittsburgh and first baseman Will Clark of San Francisco.

**Leading**  
Carter, a two-time All-Star MVP, will bat seventh and shortstop Smith, the leading vote-getter this year, his eighth.

American League manager Tom Kelly said he wasn't sure how his outfielders would line up because Winfield and Jose Canseco have both played right field this season.

Henderson will lead off in one outfield spot, followed by Paul Molitor of Milwaukee, elected at second base although he has played there only twice this season, this past Saturday and Sunday.

Boggs will play third and bat third, with Canseco fourth and Winfield fifth. Cal Ripken of Baltimore replaces injured Alan Trammell at shortstop and bats sixth, followed by Oakland teammates Mark McGwire at first base and Terry Steinbach catching.

But some other perennial All-Stars are not present. Mike Schmidt, Dale Murphy, Tim Lincecum and Eddie Murray are among the big names missing.

Even two of the six umpires are first-timers — Dale Ford and Dan Morrison of the American League.

"It just seems like there are a lot of National League veterans not having good years and a lot of young players doing well," said Rafael Palmeiro, batting .311 for the Chicago Cubs.

"There are five Minnesota players on the team, the first time the Twins have had more than one in 11 seasons. They were picked by manager Tom Kelly, who guided the Twins to the World Series championship."

**Feel**  
"They all deserved to make it," Viola said of teammates Kirby Puckett, Gary Gaetti, Jeff Reardon and Tim Lincecum.

Oakland also has five players, giving the AL West a total of 17. It's the first time the division, long considered a weak sister of the East, has had that many since 1975.

"The main thing is I'll get to play. I feel like part of the team," said cleanup hitter Jose Canseco, who was an All-Star in 1986 but did not appear in the game.

The NL leads the series 37-20-1. It has won 14 of the last 16 along with 22 of 25.



## PSV GIVEN BYE INTO SECOND ROUND

## AC Milan avoid big-name rivals

GENEVA, July 12. (Reuters): AC Milan, boasting three outstanding members of the winning Dutch European Championship team yet still unseeded, stayed clear of their big-name rivals today, drawing a trip to Vitosha Sofia in the first round of the European Cup.

AC Milan, like their Bulgarian opponents, did not rate a place among the eight seeded clubs because of their indifferent European record in the years which followed their two European Cup and two European Cup-Winners' Cup triumphs between 1963 and 1973.

## Rated

But Real Madrid, Porto and the other seeded teams were relieved to avoid a clash with the Italian champions and their brilliant Dutch trio of Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, rated the top three players of last month's European Championship in West Germany.

Real, who have won the European Cup a record six times, were given a gentler start than last season when they faced Diego Maradona's Napoli, title-holders Porto and former champions Bayern Munich before facing eventual winners PSV Eindhoven in the semifinals.

The Spaniards, whose last European Cup final success



Gullit (left): one of the brilliant Dutch playing for AC Milan

dates back to 1966, were drawn at home to unsung Norwegians Moss in the first leg on September 7. The second leg will be on October 5.

The gap between the first and second legs is four weeks instead of the customary two to avoid clashing with the Seoul Olymp-

pics.

Defending champions PSV were given a bye into the second round.

Porto entertain HJK Helsinki in the first leg, while Steaua Bucharest, their predecessors as European Cup victors in 1986, were drawn away to fellow East

Europeans Sparta Prague.

An intriguing all-German confrontation pits Dynamo Berlin, champions of the east, against Werder Bremen, standard-bearers of the west.

But attention focuses on AC Milan, whose director Silvio Ramaccioni said: "This is a very happy draw for us and you can call it a shot in the middle, and not one of the top teams."

"We are not afraid of playing away in the first leg but this team are not easy opponents. It is a good thing for us that we did not draw one of the seeded teams like Real Madrid and suffer the same fate as Napoli last season."

"We have great hopes of going through to the second round and are definitely assured of a full stadium at home."

For the fourth successive season English teams will be absent from the three European competitions following the domestic football association's decision in June to withdraw their application for re-admission in the wake of violent clashes involving England fans at the European Championship.

English clubs were banned after riots at the 1985 European Cup final in Brussels between Liverpool and Juventus Turin which resulted in 39 deaths.

Scotland's Celtic, the first British club to win the European Cup with their 1967 final victory

over Inter-Milan, visit Hungarian champions Honved in the first leg.

Belgium's Mechelen, who captured the European Cup-Winners' Cup beating star-studded Ajax Amsterdam in the final, were drawn to open their title defence at home against the modest opposition of Beggen from little neighbours Luxembourg.

Compatriots Anderlecht, UEFA Cup victors of 1983, were also given a home opener in the same competition against Metz of France.

A quartet of illustrious former European Cup champions find themselves in the UEFA Cup this time.

## Twice

Benfica of Portugal, last season's beaten European Cup finalists, visit Montpellier of France, while Inter-Milan — like Benfica, twice European Cup champions in the 1960s — are away to IK Brage of Sweden.

Ajax Amsterdam and West Germany's Bayern Munich, who won the European Cup three times apiece in the 1970s, were drawn respectively away to Sporting Lisbon and at home to Legia Warsaw.

West Germany's Bayer Leverkusen open their UEFA Cup defence at home to OS Belenenses of Portugal.



● Soviet Olympic attaché Nicolai Lents (left) and Mikhail Bodin, a Soviet sports ministry official, arrived in Seoul yesterday to prepare for Soviet participation in the Seoul Olympics in September. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US gymnastics coach doubtful for Olympics

HOUSTON, July 12. (Reuters): Famed gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi says there is little chance his dispute with fellow coaches on the 1988 US Olympic team will be resolved in time for him to go to this year's Seoul Olympics.

"I don't believe anything will change in the next couple of months, so it's doubtful that I will be there," he told Reuters yesterday.

## Resigned

Karolyi shocked the Olympic committee when he abruptly resigned over the weekend from his position as head of the US gymnastics delegation.

Karolyi, whose gym placed five women in the top 10 spots at the US Gymnastics Championships and who coached Mary Lou Retton to gold in Los Angeles, indicated professional jealousy among some of the other coaches led him to resign.

He said coaches "who have

produced nothing — they have not even one athlete competing in the national championships, questioned his role in Seoul."

"They got nervous about me going over there watching and giving directions. There are people who are more concerned about their own position than what happens to the athletes."

"It was obvious they don't want to co-operate with me. If the coaching staff doesn't want to accept my contributions and technical advice, then it would not do any good for me to be in Seoul," he said.

As head of the gymnastics delegation, Karolyi would not have been allowed to coach from the floor.

US Gymnastics Federation executive director Mike Jacki could not be reached for comment yesterday, but told a Houston newspaper that he would not accept Karolyi's resignation.

## English Channel simply a challenge, says Schmitt

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin, July 12. (AP): Gene Schmitt concedes he has unusual plans for the English Channel. But don't call him a daredevil.

"I just like a challenge," said Schmitt, a Green Bay plastic surgeon, before leaving for Britain for a try at swimming the backstroke across the English Channel. "I like to test myself to the limit and be the best I can at whatever I do."

## Consider

He does a lot of things — things most of us would never consider trying.

There was the kayak trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon two years ago. There was the climb up Mount Ranier in

Washington state, the parachuting, the hang-gliding, a gruelling cross-country ski race, a 100-mile bicycle race.

The English Channel swim was an obvious choice for the Rockford, Illinois, native who swam competitively for 12 years.

But why the backstroke?

"Mainly because no one else has done it before," Schmitt said.

## Pumas close gap with top sides

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (Reuters): Twenty years after winning their first international against a major rugby union power, Argentina believe they are evolving fast enough to join the top flight within a decade.

"The team has reached a balance allowing it to compete with any team except New Zealand," said Rodolfo O'Reilly, coach of Argentine national side, the Pumas.

"I believe that in 10 years we are going to play on equal terms with any team in the world, including the All Blacks," he said.

The legendary Hugo Porta, who quit the international game this year after a decade as Pumas captain, believes Argentina will gradually produce more top class players.

"Argentina has about 20 world class players," Porta said, adding: "We need greater strength in depth to rank among the world's top rugby nations."

It will be 20 years ago in September that Argentina claimed their first triumph against a member nation of the International Rugby Board (IRB) when they beat Wales 9-5 in Buenos Aires.

They have since beaten France and Australia three times and, disguised as a South American XV, South Africa once. They have also drawn with England and world champions New Zealand.

Argentina's number eight seeding at last year's World Cup was recognition of their standing in world rugby.

## Position

The Argentines suffer from a lack of good-quality local competition as a result of their geographical position. But a current tour by the Soviet Union and the forthcoming visit of Belgium, who will play provincial sides, are seen as signs the situation is improving.

O'Reilly, who guided the Pumas to a memorable bloody Test victory over France a fortnight ago, said afterwards that the Argentines' rucking and mauling had improved considerably in recent years.

The intense pressure of the Pumas' pack cemented the Test series victory over Australia in December and the drawn series with France. The points came mainly from the boot of Porta against the Wallabies and Daniel Baeiti last month.

But Porta, a tactical genius, believes Argentina needs more rugby coaches.

"We need more masters," he said, adding that there was no lack of keen youngsters with enthusiasm for the game.

There is no denying the popularity of the sport in Argentina. Porta's successor at flyhalf, Rafael Madero, said the Pumas might soon have to play at River Plate's World Cup soccer stadium, which holds about 75,000 people.

A capacity 50,000 crowd saw the second Test against France at Velez Sarsfield soccer ground. Many more did not get in.

## English League administrators under fire

LONDON, July 12. (Reuters): English Football League administrators, including President Philip Carter, have been bitterly attacked for playing a double role in events that are threatening to cause a major split in English soccer.

Carter, who is chairman of Everton, Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein and Gordon McKegg, the Newcastle chairman, are all members of the League's management committee.

But their clubs are also among 10 leading teams who are poised to sign a television deal tomorrow which may mean their breaking away from the League in its centenary year.

John Poynton, chairman of

first-division Coventry City which is not one of the 10 rebel clubs, even suggested last night that there were legal irregularities.

"It would not surprise me if the whole thing could not be investigated under company law," Poynton said.

The 10 first-division sides — Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle — are due to sign a £32 million (£54 million) deal with the independent television network ITV tomorrow.

This would mean an almost certain split with the League which has negotiated a £39

million (£66 million) deal with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB).

The ITV deal is with the 10 clubs alone although two more, Derby and Southampton, may join them. The BBC/BSB deal embraces all 92 League clubs. Both deals are over four years.

Poynton said: "At the annual meeting of the League, all but one of the 92 clubs — Liverpool being the exception — gave the go-ahead for the management committee to rubber-stamp the television deal involving the BBC and satellite network BSB."

"But the people who were then appointed to negotiate the deal went ahead and began talking to

ITV. They were feathering their own clubs' nests."

League spokesman Andy Williamson said: "These clubs don't understand the implications of what they are considering. Who is to say that in the seasons to come they won't be cast away as well?"

## Parly

David Miller, columnist in the Times newspaper, wrote that two weeks ago Carter spoke at a reception to mark the League's centenary "when at that very time he was party to plans to destroy the existing structure of the League in pursuit of television's big apple."

"He should be summarily expelled."

## Kuwait loses

AMMAN, July 12. (Reuters): Algeria defeated Kuwait 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in their Group Two match today in the Fifth Arab Football Championships in Amman. Mohammed Salah Shikati scored the only goal in the 35th minute.

Last night Tunisia drew 1-1 with Saudi Arabia in a bad-tempered match. The game ended with fist fights between the members of the two teams over disputed rulings by the referee.

## Passarella may link up with Menotti

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (Reuters): Argentine defender Daniel Passarella could delay his retirement from soccer to link up again with coach Cesar Menotti at River Plate.

"If River sell (Oscar) Ruggeri, the possibility of Daniel joining is immediate," club president Hugo Santilli said in an interview published today.

Santilli told the Italian correspondent of the local weekly sports magazine El Grafico that

he made an offer to Passarella during a recent meeting in Milan. Passarella, 34, who has returned to Argentina after six seasons in the Italian League, asked Santilli for 10 days to consider the offer.

## Joined

Menotti, who guided the Argentine team captained by Passarella that won the 1978 World Cup, is due to sign for River Plate this week and start work next Monday.

Passarella began his career at River Plate, leaving for Italy's Fiorentina in 1982 after Argentina failed to retain the World Cup in Spain. He later joined Inter Milan, announcing his retirement from the game this year.

Ruggeri, a defender in Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning team in Mexico, is a survivor of a rebuilding plan at River Plate after Carlos Griguol's contract as coach was not renewed.

## Fischer's spirit haunts chess grandmasters

NEW YORK, July 12. (Reuters): Bobby Fischer's spirit haunts the grandmasters of chess. 16 years after he made his last move.

The American who became a folk hero for wresting the chess world championship from the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky in 1972 has neither played a tournament nor an exhibition match since.

Some chess enthusiasts still dream that he will return to the game, but he prefers the life of a recluse, rejecting comeback offers and ostracising his former friends. Soviet players Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov now dominate the chess scene. Kasparov is the world champion while Karpov is world No.2.

American chess book dealer Ed Labate says books on Fischer's games and a biography still sell the most and adds:

"Bobby is the Elvis Presley of chess: he still makes money after he is, figuratively in this case, dead."

## Brilliance

During the Kasparov and Karpov title contest in Seville, experts recalled the brilliance of Fischer, who popularised chess more than any other player.

"Whenever there is a world championship match, there is always the shadow of Fischer over the board, his spirit hogs the board," says Larry Parr, editor of the US journal Chess Life.

Fischer, an undefeated champion who remains the highest-rated player in history, lost the title by default in 1975 when he failed to agree with the international chess authorities on conditions for a match with Karpov.

Analyst Elicer Agur wrote in a series on Fischer's games in



Fischer (right) during his 1972 match with Spassky

Chess Life that he "quit playing at a moment when his possibilities appeared limitless."

Fischer, 45, lives a secluded life in Pasadena, California, satisfied with a small income from book royalties. He shows no interest in returning to competitive chess.

Some in the chess world say Fischer lives on the cheap, reads books on extreme politics and excludes people who talk about him to the media. They despair that his circle of confidants is steadily decreasing.

"Bobby is living quietly, he sees only a few special friends who protect him because he really wants to be very private," one international player told Reuters.

Friends say he sometimes plays informally and reads

magazines to keep in touch with chess.

"There is not much hope that he will play chess seriously again," said one associate.

He said that earlier last year Fischer rejected a lucrative offer to return to tournament play and exhibition games. "He could have made millions."

Fischer refuses interviews and the few people still in contact with him decline to discuss his lifestyle.

"That's how Bobby's lost all his friends," said one. Shelby Lyman, host of a weekly television series on the match in Spain between 25-year-old Kasparov and Karpov, 37, recently devoted a large part of his programme to Fischer.

The film shows stills of Fischer

in a baggy jumper and his hair cropped, becoming at age 13 the youngest master in the history of the game, and playing tournaments around the world.

It rolls on finally to Fischer stepping off the plane at Reykjavik, where he defeats Spassky in his greatest triumph at the age of 29. That was 1972.

"Bobby Fischers came around only once every 100 years," says Lyman.

Grandmaster Edmar Mednis, who wrote a book in 1973 on how to beat Fischer, hails the American as the world's most powerful player.

"Nervousness never entered his conscience or sub-consciousness, he was single-minded and knowledgeable... his whole game was excellent," Mednis told

Reuters. Mednis added that Fischer has never considered the conditions he has been offered to be satisfactory for a comeback.

"It's not secret that he is in two minds about whether he wants to come back to play," the grandmaster says.

On the walls of the Manhattan Chess Club in New York where the young player received his training, a fading oil painting depicts Fischer moving the white pieces.

In an adjoining room, a framed black-and-white photograph illustrates Fischer's magnetism even at an early age. He sits pensively over the board with a hand pressed to his mouth, oblivious to the onlookers crowded around the table.

The Manhattan, founded in 1877 and the oldest continuous chess club in the world, operates a school chess programme, perhaps in the hope of unearthing another Fischer.

## Swiftly

Club membership increased dramatically when Fischer was crushing the world's top grandmasters in the early 1970s and declined just as swiftly after his baffling disappearance from the scene.

In those early days of his absence, observers speculated that it was just another of Fischer's extended exiles from the game. Three times during the 1960s the unpredictable genius stepped out for periods of up to two years.

Although this exile is probably final, the reputation of the man has not been seriously harmed. "Oh... we really miss him," says Manhattan Chess Club president Douglas Bellizzi.

## Maroons hold Starlite to 1-1 draw

A LAST-MINUTE goal by substitute Cosme spared Goa Maroons' blushes and also virtually guaranteed them a place among the leaders in Group 2 after their 1-1 draw against Starlite on Friday in the 10th United Goans Football tournament at the Sour grounds.

Starlite dominated most of the game but were hampered by their own inability to convert the chances that came their way into goals.

## Efforts

In the other match played on the same ground, Goa Cultural Association overcame Rising Stars 3-2. Rising, twice winners of the UGC Shield, tried hard to get the equaliser but their efforts were in vain as the rival defence held firm.

On Friday, Goan Sporting meet Incredible, Salcete United play Goa Cultural Association and Rising Stars meet Santos.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## West Indies

LONDON, July 12. (Reuters): West Indies' cricketers will play Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge from July 27 to 29. The touring side were due to play either Derbyshire or Surrey on these dates, but both are in the quarter-finals of the Natwest Trophy on July 27.

## Women's cycling

BESANCON, France, July 12. (AP): Monique Knol of the Netherlands took the second stage of the women's Tour de France today, but there were no changes in the overall standings, still led by Jeannie Longo of France. Knol won the individual race of 76 kilometres (46 miles) from Lure to Besancon in one hour, 58 minutes, 44 seconds.

## Gold Cup

SYDNEY, Australia, July 12. (AP): World Cup holder Argentina today appealed the suspension of vice-captain Ricardo Guisti and complained about their hotel accommodations to the organisers of the bicentennial Gold Cup soccer tournament.

## Olympic soccer

ZURICH, July 12. (Reuters): Guatemala will replace Mexico, who have been banned by the International Football Federation (FIFA), in the Olympic Soccer tournament in Seoul, a FIFA official told Reuters today.



● Jean-Paul van Poppel of the Netherlands raises his arms in victory as he crosses the finish line in Besancon, eastern France, to win the 10th stage of Tour de France cycling race yesterday. Canadian Steve Bauer retained overall lead. (Reuters wirephoto)

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